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OPEC ministers okay oil production hike

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — OPEC raised its oil production ceiling Saturday to 27.5 million barrels a day, a 10 percent increase that took days to agree on because some ministers feared more crude on the market would hurt prices.

The 11-member oil cartel's ceiling has been 25.033 million barrels, a limit that is widely violated.

OPEC's secretary general, Rilwanu Lukman, declined to make any prediction about prices after the group wrapped up its business. "Our idea is not to have lower prices," Lukman said at a news conference.

OPEC went along with three powerful members, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, who argued that world demand for crude will grow by about 2 million barrels a day next year and that OPEC should get a big chunk of the rising market.

Iran and Libya had lobbied to keep output lower, fearing that the Saudis would flood the market and ruin prices.

Members concerned about ruining the price had sought a level of around 26 million barrels a day. Libya's Abdalla Salem el-Badri had lobbied for no increase at all, but played down the damage after losing the battle.

"Libya is backing OPEC," the Libyan minister said. "For the stability of OPEC, we agree with this ceiling and we hope this will not affect the price. Maybe it will drop by $1 for the first two weeks and then go up."

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has been holding its most contentious session in years since the meeting opened on Wednesday in the Indonesian capital.

The rise in the OPEC production ceiling will not translate into a similar amount of oil going onto the market — because most members are cheating on their production quotas by pumping at capacity.

This has pushed OPEC's actual output closer to 28 million barrels a day, and new quotas for the big violators would not bring more oil online because they already are producing all they can.

But the three who are most bullish on world demand, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, have the ability to pump more and new quotas for them would put more crude on the market.

If they end up producing more than the world wants, prices could fall and give a break to oil consumers.

HUG FOR SANTA — A visit from Santa Claus kicked off events for the holiday season. After lighting the courthouse, a long line formed to visit Santa in the gazebo. Santa Claus listened to Brooklyn Bollinger's "I want" list, which she concluded with a big hug. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Inflation is when you pay $20 for a $10 haircut you used to get for $5 when you had hair."

Friday was supposed to be one of the best retail days of the year. Snyder was busy, and we hope it stays busy right up until Christmas.

We tried to be smart, making my one Christmas purchase several months ago. I know I bought it, but I can't remember where I put it.

One of the guys in the coffee shop — aware of rare home cooking — suggested we check the oven. But we know it's not there. Surely it will surface.

We could ask ole what't-her-name. She likely knows right where it is, but we don't want to ruin a surprise.

And you can be certain the purchase isn't in a Neiman Marcus sack.

We're always interested in those exotic gifts offered by the Dallas-based retailer.

Forget a white Christmas, Neiman Marcus is poised for a wet Christmas.

That's because the upsale retailer is featuring a $32,600 Windjet boat with two detachable motorized, wave-jumping crafts as its traditional "his and her" gift for the holiday.

The Christmas catalog, an annual wish book for the person who has almost everything, also includes a collection of 70 first-edition books by Ameican writers.

The company's "his and her" category debuted in the 1960s with a pair of Beechcraft airplanes.

Over the years, Neiman has allowed the imagination and the cash register to run wild with pairs of such items as submarines, camels, Egyptian mummy cases, Spangled cats and ermine bathrobes.

For only $185,000, this season's collection includes such works as "The Great Gatsby," "To Kill a Mockingbird," and "Gone With The Wind."

Also tilting the price scale in favor of expensive is a fancy colored diamond necklace weighing over 150 carats — for a mere $620,000.

For budget shoppers, this year's catalog includes some less extravagant gifts, like a glass holiday platter for $10 and a tin of shortbread cookies for $16.50.

For less than a buck, you can have a Neiman's shopping bag. It would be great to put her Christmas gift in, if we can just find it.

Lighting ceremony Monday at WTC

Santa Claus believers of all ages are invited to the campus of Western Texas College Monday for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

The event is set for 7 p.m. in the central courtyard. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and special Christmas music provided by Cindy Nix of Snyder. There is no admission charged.

Other activity Monday and Tuesday includes the Snyder High School choir's presentation of its sixth annual Madrigal Dinner. Both performances are set for 7:30 p.m. in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Thursday is the last day to enter the window decorating contest for chamber member businesses. Entries can be made by calling the chamber. Five prizes of $25 each will be awarded.

Judging will be held next Friday.

Next Saturday is the date of the annual Lighted Christmas Parade. Chamber officials are asking groups and individuals who plan on entering a float to call 573-3558 before the close of business Wednesday.

Prizes will be awarded for most unique and best use of lights.

Next Sunday afternoon, Historic Scurry County Inc. and the Scurry County Historical Commission sponsor their holiday tour of homes from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are $10 and are available at Eddie's Pharmacy, Countryplace and Bar H Bar Family Outfitters.

Snyder Gold Coats is sponsoring a Christmas residential lighting contest on Dec. 13. Residents who wish to participate should contact the chamber before that date to be placed on the list for judging.

Commissioners to meet on Monday

Scurry County commissioners court will consider three items of new business when it meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

The court will consider seeking bids for inmate telephone service at the county jail, approving the building insurance audit and looking at possible changes in the county's retirement system.

Izzard to announce Stenholm challenge in Snyder Tuesday

The candidates are coming...

A hopeful for the 11th Court of Appeals was in Snyder last week to make his intentions known, and a candidate for U.S. Congress will make his announcement here Tuesday.

Comanche County prosecutor Terry McCall was in Snyder briefly last week to say he is seeking the Republican nomination for associate justice on the 11th Court of Appeals. Thje seat is being vacated by Judge Bob Dickenson.

On Tuesday, Rudy Izzard of Abilene will appear at the Scurry County Courthouse at 9:45 a.m. to announce that he will again challenge Democratic incumbent Charles Stenholm for U.S. Representative of the 17th District.

So far locally, Precinct 2 County Commissioners Roy Idom, a Republican, has said he will be a candidate for a third term.

Meanwhile, District Clerk Elois Pruitt announced Friday that she will not seek re-election. The Democrat is serving her second four-year term.

Wednesday is the first day to officially file for office. Local offices up for election and the current incumbents are:

—County Judge, held by Ricky Fritz, a Republican.

—Commissioner, Pct. 2, held by Roy Idom, a Republican.

—Commissioner, Pct. 4, held by Jerry Gannaway, a Democrat.

—County Clerk, held by Joan Bunch, a Republican.

—District Clerk, held by Elois Pruitt, a Democrat.

—County Treasurer, held by Charlie Bell, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 1, held by Charlie Reynolds, a Democrat.

—Peace Justice, Pct. 2, held by

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Holiday Arts, Crafts Show in coliseum next weekend

The seventh annual Scurry County Arts and Crafts Show will be held next weekend in the Scurry County Coliseum.

More than 100 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will be on hand with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items.

Doors open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer, said the show will feature a number of new exhibitors as well as some familiar ones.

"We've been able to expand a number of popular categories," Prather said. "For example, we'll have more seasonal decorations, yard ornaments and tree decorations."

Also new to the show will be decorative ceramics, original jewelry, handcrafted wood pens, wood Santa puzzles, carved Santas, name cutouts, angel pins and decorated tissue boxes.

The food concession will again be under the direction of the Snyder chapter of the American Business Women's Association. A booth will also be set up by the Scurry County Museum to raise funds through a computer raffle.

Drama department plans "Robin Hood" production

Action and humor will highlight "Robin Hood," Snyder High School drama department's winter production, which opens Thursday at Worsham Auditorium.

The show is a special adaptation of Robin Hood by Larry Blamire and is produced by special arrangement with Baker's Plays of Boston.

Playing the title roles are Trevor Thompson as Robin Hood, Christina Bullard as Maid Marian, Jack Hedges as the Sheriff of Nottingham, Kevin Taylor as Will, Joey Steakley as King John, Jessica Mills as Queen Eleanor, Mack McCraw as Guy of Gisbourne, Kade Kubena as Friar Tuck, Kate Maguire as Ellen and Anna Hannan as the Prioress.

In supporting roles are Mark Rodriguez, Scott Love, James Allen Shields, Corey Knipe, Lonique Coots, Brandi Handock, Brandon McCraw, Eldon Scott, Tara Kinkaid, Michael Gibson, Zack Allred and Austin Haire.

Lighting is being designed by Andy Parker and John Hensley, with assistance from Buddy Whittenburg. Sound has been engineered by Chris Halbert. Colby Stoker will be the prop master. Technical assistant is Clay Berryman.

Thursday's show is set for 7:30 p.m. Shows Friday and Saturday will begin at 8 o'clock.

General admission is $3; orchestra seating is $5.

ASK US

Q.-Does United still plan to build in Snyder?

A.-The supermarket headquarters in Lubbock says, "Yes," but no timetable has been developed.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 72 degrees; low, 38; 7 a.m. Saturday, 38; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.56 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, upper 30s. Sunday, sunny and warmer. High near 70.

Donald Jeffrey
Sunny

Sunset:
5:41 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:24 a.m.
Of 332 days in 1997, the sun has shone 317 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The Constitution of America only guarantees pursuit of happiness; you have to catch up with it yourself.

Gill Robb Wilson

Airlines hope to lighten carry-on load

WASHINGTON (AP) — New restrictions aimed at reducing carry-on luggage could become an unwanted surprise for air travelers like Andrea Edelstein.

"I prefer to carry on my bags so they don't get broken, lost, gone through or rained on," said Edelstein, flying out of Washington National Airport on Friday to a high school reunion in New Jersey. "I've had all of them happen to me."

Edelstein, clasping her two leather duffel bags and a dry-cleaned dress, said tighter limits would be unnecessary if passengers followed the rules in place.

But some airlines, acknowledging that customers often bend those rules, are taking action.

Last week, Northwest Airlines began permitting travelers just one carry-on bag plus a small addition such as a purse or laptop computer. On Monday, United Airlines will begin an experimental rule for flights out of Des Moines limiting low-fare passengers to one carry-on bag.

A recent American Airlines change requires attendants to determine the number of acceptable carry-ons for all flights by gauging the passenger load.

"It was so obvious that it was being abused," said Kathy Peach, a Northwest Airlines spokeswoman. "People are pleased there is a little more structure."

The airline's new one-bag-plus policy makes concessions for certain customers, including those in business and first class.

Still more structure may come from guidelines being developed by the Federal Aviation Administration asking airlines to amend and clarify their carry-on policies. For example, airlines would have to outline how they would prevent luggage that cannot be stowed properly from getting into the cabin in the first place.

"We think it's a behavior issue," said Kathy Creedy, an FAA spokeswoman. "It's one which the flight crew, the industry and passengers must work together to solve."

Some airlines and flight attendant unions have been clamoring for regulators to take more direct measures.

"In general, we believe this should be done on an industrywide basis with an FAA regulation," said American Airlines spokesman Chris Chiames.

But the agency has shied away from that.

The holiday season is notorious for excess carry-on baggage as people lumber to gates toting wrapping paper, overflowing shopping bags and heavy winter coats.

"Sometimes you wonder how they got onto the plane with that stuff in the first place," said Kathy Cerstvik, a flight attendant for Continental Airlines.

Plenty of travelers have lost patience with overpacked fellow passengers angling for limited space.

"It's just ridiculous," said Byron Biggs, a Washington businessman traveling to Houston on Friday.

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, potato rounds, dill pickle spears, ranger cookies

TUESDAY
Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, lettuce and tomato salad, peach cobbler

WEDNESDAY
Barbecued chicken, potato salad, green onions, collard greens, apple cutie pie

THURSDAY
Macaroni-ham-cheese, lima beans, carrots, tomato wedges, orange whip

FRIDAY
Fried fish, Brussel sprouts, whole kernel corn, Waldorf salad, white cake/strawberries.

Senior Center News

The Eight Ball Doubles Tournament begins Monday. On Tuesday, the Hoss Clayton Band entertains at 11 and the Golden Kiwanis Club meets at noon.

The Kitchen Band will perform at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Snyder Healthcare Center. The Wednesday Trio will also play at the center at 11:15 a.m. A group of school kids from East Elementary will sing carols. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m.

On Thursday, the Tri Chem class meets at 9 a.m., the choir visits Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. and the Christmas wreath workshop begins at 1 p.m. For more information call 573-4035.

The craft workshop begins at 10 a.m. Friday. A visitor from Stanton will demonstrate how to organize wrapping supplies and how to make simple crafts.

For seniors interested in a driving course, a list is being compiled for the AARP 55 Alive course. The course costs $8 and many insurance companies will reduce premium costs. The date for the course will be scheduled once there is sufficient interest.

Christmas dinner is planned for Dec. 11 and seniors are asked to pre-register by Dec. 8. Seniors who have Christmas table decorations are encouraged to bring their centerpieces as they come for the meal.

Seniors are reminded to read their newsletters. December plans include caroling, bake sale, oleo and special entertainment.

Snowbirds flock to Arizona without registering cars

PHOENIX (AP) — Most snowbirds don't fly. They drive, drawn by the warm sunshine and mornings free of ice scrapers.

Retired people from northern states who spend a few months each year in the Sun Belt, few snowbirds register their cars and motor homes when they arrive. It leaves local officials in a bind — happy with the boost to the local economy, unhappy with a worsening air pollution problem around Phoenix.

Because the vehicles aren't registered, officials can't make sure they meet Maricopa County's tough emissions standards, created to ease carbon monoxide, ozone and particulate pollution labeled "serious" for several years by the federal government.

Newcomers aren't required to register until they've lived in the state for seven months, effectively exempting the winter visitors, said Ira Domsky, manager for air quality planning at the state Department of Environmental Quality.

"The policy decision was made quite a while ago that they wanted to make this a friendly place for people who wanted to live here during the winter," Domsky said.

The department estimates that as many as 14 percent of the cars in the county are registered elsewhere. Most belong to visitors.

The county's tough emission tests require cleaner cars. If the state required all cars to be registered it could curb carbon monoxide pollution by about 1 percent, the department estimates.

The brown cloud of pollution over the Phoenix area can't be ignored, said winter visitors Owen Traynor and his wife,

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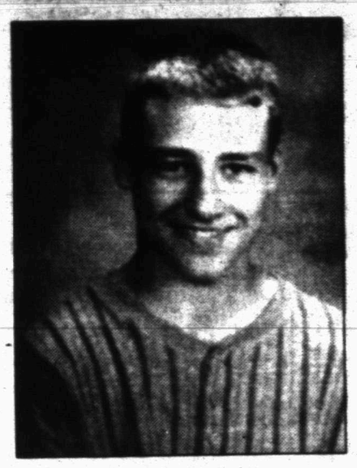

Josh Hudgins

Hudgins named to Who's Who

Josh Hudgins, a junior at Roscoe High School, has been selected to appear in "Who's Who Among High School Students" for 1996-1997.

He is the son of Jimmy and Pat Hudgins of Hermleigh.

Red tide may be moving north

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Hundreds of dead mullet that are washing up along Corpus Christi Beach may have been the victims of a fresh bloom of red tide that could be working its way north, some marine scientists suspect.

With tests pending late Friday, red tide was also suspected in the deaths of an estimated 6 million bay anchovies in Corpus Christi Bay near Flour Bluff last week, said Terry Whitledge of the University of Texas Marine Science Center in Port Aransas.

"That's our best guess right now. It's still a little bit open, but I'd say we're pretty sure," Whitledge told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Samples being brought in this weekend should be analyzed by early this week, he said.

Tony Amos, an oceanographer with the UT Marine Science Center, said no one is really sure what causes the red tide algae to bloom to toxic levels. Corpus Christi City Manager Bill Hennings said city parks crews will assess the size of the kill today, and if necessary, call in workers to pick up the fish.

Most of the dead fish began washing up after 6 p.m. Thursday along Corpus Christi Beach, but dead fish also could be found on beaches along Shoreline Drive.

"I've never seen so many dead fish out here as this," said Roel Rivilla, who fished off a jetty on Corpus Christi Beach.

Lawyers' numbers increasing

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans shouldn't have a problem finding legal representation.

A recent study published in the Texas Bar Journal found that 1997 began with 56,447 lawyers — or one for every 332 people.

And in Harris County, attorneys have nearly twice the per-citizen ratio of the state average, the Houston Chronicle reported. The 16,239 attorneys this year works out to one for every 189 residents, up from the 196 in 1992. It is still lower than the ratios for Dallas and Travis counties, however.

Despite the increase, Harris County's attorney count can be considered modest when matched with the five-year numbers for two neighboring counties. Fort Bend posted a 48 percent increase in the 1992-97 attorney count, while there was a 35 percent rise for Montgomery County.

Attorney Steve Fischer of Denton, author of the Texas Bar Journal report, says the explanation is simple. Retiring attorneys are being outpaced by graduating law students by a few hundred yearly, and "attorneys are going where the population is."

There also are more out-of-state lawyers transferring to Texas from elsewhere, where there may be an even larger "glut" of lawyers, Fischer said.

"Unless new attorneys find a real niche, they are not guaranteed to go out and make money," Fischer said. "As long as the Texas economy is OK and the population keeps growing, it is not the crisis situation of the '80s. But if the economy goes bad — watch out."

Statewide, there was one lawyer for every 348 state residents in 1992. And in the mid-1980s, it was one for every 500.

Over the last two decades, as the Texas population went up 50 percent, the number of lawyers doubled.

State District Judge Sharolyn Wood, the civil administrative judge for Harris County, said the higher per-capita attorney count for Dallas County surprised some local attorneys.

Human sperm must swim the equivalent of about three miles upstream to reach their destination. Only 500 or so of the 20 million race participants make it near the egg.

CITY LIGHTS — City employees were busy last week putting up Christmas lights around the square and on College Avenue. Shown with the refurbished decorations are, from left, Lucas Wood, Juan Becerra and Tony Guerra. (SDN Staff Photo)

UT fraternity stands accused of racist acts

AUSTIN (AP) — A former Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity member has accused his University of Texas chapter of denying a student membership because of his race.

Spencer Prou filed a racial-discrimination complaint with the university this month, claiming his friend, David Moss, was rejected because he is part black. Moss is of Korean and African ancestry.

"From the beginning it was a race issue," Prou told the Austin American-Statesman. "I was even told we should wait until we're a 100-man chapter before we let a black person in."

Prou said he has tapes of some of the fraternity's chapter meetings where Moss' race was discussed.

He claims one fraternity member said, "There are people who don't want him because of his race. The fact is he won't be welcome."

Lee Simpson, the fraternity's former vice president, denies the chapter discriminated against Moss and said the freshman was rejected for other reasons.

"Our constitution forbids and condemns discrimination," Simpson said.

Moss said he isn't so sure.

"At first, I did not want to believe that my race had anything to do with this," he said. "But the more I thought about it, it just made sense. Some brothers just didn't want to talk to me, and they didn't know anything about me, except what I looked like."

Moss said it was the chapter's diversity which first attracted him to the house.

The Lambda Chi house includes students of Mexican-American and Asian-American descent. Five of the chapter's 20 members are minorities. None are black.

Specialty tags are not popular in state

HOUSTON (AP) — Specialized auto license tags aren't proving to be the hot item in Texas that they are in other states.

For an extra $30 a year, any vehicle can sport license plates in one of 79 special designs, including personalized plates and college logos. A dozen new designs are being added, including not-yet-available Big Bend National Park.

Many designs, however, are very specialized in a very literal sense. Nearly half of the designs are affixed to fewer than 100 vehicles each, even though Texas has 15 million registered vehicles.

Specialty plates are not the hot sellers they are in many other states. The Texas Department of Transportation says only 1 percent of Texas vehicles have special plates, compared to more than 10 percent in Virginia and more than 6 percent in Florida.

Those states generate millions of dollars for their treasuries and the nonprofit groups that get a cut of the revenue from the plates sold in their honor. In Texas, $10 goes to the state and $20 goes to the organization.

"We think the reason is that Texans are satisfied with the way the regular plate looks," Texas DOT spokesman Mike Viesca told the Houston Chronicle.

In Virginia, personalization costs only $10 and special plates are $25.

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Robert and Willora Oglesby will be with the 37th Street Church of Christ for the Fifth Sunday sermons three times November 30th. Robert will be speaking on the theme, "What the Church Must Do to Survive." Robert graduated from Abilene Christian University with highest honors with B.A. and M.A. degrees in Bible. York College, York, Nebraska conferred an honorary doctorate (LL.D) upon him in 1994. Since 1963 Robert has been the pulpit minister of the 1,300 member Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, a city of 80,000 in the north Dallas area. He has taught more than 350 seminars on Bible teaching at many churches throughout the United States and Canada and in 6 universities. He has authored 21 books on group discussion teaching technique.

Robert is the narrator of an evangelistic video panorama of the Bible called ONE STORY, which has been used in its English version in all 50 states and at least 10 foreign countries since 1983. It is also available in Czech and Russian versions and is being used for evangelism in those countries. It was shown on national television in the Czech Republic in 1990. A new version of this evangelistic video entitled, THE STORY, adds a new dimension because it was shot on location in the Bible lands. It was shown in Snyder on TCA Cable TV, Channel 2, on Monday nights a few months ago. Robert serves as president of the corporation board of Restoration Quarterly magazine, and as its sermon editor. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Abilene Christian University.

Tyson Hallmark national finalist

Tyson Hallmark, 18, a Snyder FFA chapter member, is one of four national finalists who competed for the title of national winner in the landscape management proficiency award program at the 70th National FFA Convention Nov. 13-15 in Kansas City, Mo.

Hallmark created a lawn care business with his brother and has since expanded the business to include several lawns in his town as well as an industrial location.

Income from this enterprise was over $8,500 in 1996, and Hallmark has created a significant net worth. He has acquired several skills in the course of his project including: the ability to develop a landscape plan, estimate costs, and install the plants; expertise in the application of fertilizers and pesticides; development of propagation techniques to limit the cost of new plants; and to repair the equipment used in the business.

Hallmark plans to continue to expand his business in the future. He is the son of Jay and Mary Martin.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excelled as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while they gained hands-on-career experience.

Landscape management is one of the 41 FFA proficiency award categories offered at state, local and national levels. The program is sponsored by Reiman Publications as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

FFA is a national organization of 449,814 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

The organization had 7,241 local chapters located throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin islands.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT — Jon Ellis, left, general manager of Putters Paradise, Inc., congratulates Tyson Hallmark, Snyder FFA chapter member. Ellis represents Reiman Publications. (Contributed Photo)

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FRIDAY
Fruit
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Hot Biscuits
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pineapple
Milk

TUESDAY
Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
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WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
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French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Breakfast Pocket

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Roll

THURSDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs

LUNCH
MONDAY
Corn Dog
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Macaroni & Cheese
Pears

TUESDAY
Stuffed Potato w/Cracker
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Green Beans
Jello

WEDNESDAY
Beef Nachos
Corn Bread
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Buttered Corn

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Homemade Roll
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Scalloped Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Broccoli w/Cheese

FRIDAY
Beef Ravioli
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Peas & Carrots

Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

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All meals are served with choice of milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.

MONDAY
French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Breakfast Pocket

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Roll

THURSDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs

LUNCH
MONDAY
Submarine Sandwich
Corn Dog
Tossed Salad
Macaroni & Cheese
Pears

TUESDAY
Taco Salad
Enchilada Casserole
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Cowboy Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Meatloaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Fruit Cocktail

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Salisbury Steak
Hashed Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Broccoli
Homemade Roll

FRIDAY
Chicken Burger
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Tater Tots
Apple Crisp

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Patti Melts
French Fries
Pinto Beans
Cookies

TUESDAY
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Chocolate Cake

WEDNESDAY
Steak Sandwiches
Salad
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Apple Crisp

THURSDAY
Charbroiled Patties w/Brown Gravy
Whole Potatoes
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FRIDAY
Hot Dogs w/Chili
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High-tech salaries attracting state workers

AUSTIN (AP) — The state of Texas can't pay its programmers as much as the private companies that have made the capital a high-tech hotbed. So government officials are hoping to improve retention with other perks like maximum 40-hour workweeks, plenty of holiday and sick leave, and job stability.

"We have to be at the forefront of this new computer age; otherwise, we could revert back to a time when the services the state provided were slow and inadequate," said state Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin. He chairs a subcommittee studying the problem of recruiting and retaining information technology professionals, who develop software and keep computer systems running.

The Austin area's high-tech companies offer computer whizzes fat base salaries, lucrative bonuses and stock options, and the chance to work on cutting-edge technologies.

But for there can be a downside: stress, burnout and instability.

Nina Taylor recognizes those disadvantages. The 38-year-old mother of two children, ages 8 and 5, has worked for the Texas Education Agency for seven years, the last three as manager of its mainframe client-support group. She said she probably could make 30 percent to 40 percent more money in the private sector but is happy where she is.

"I can take off when I'm sick or when my children are sick," Ms. Taylor said. "I generally work 40 hours a week. A lot of jobs in private industry require a lot of overtime. and I don't want to miss this time in my children's lives. We also have really good insurance benefits. I don't have to travel, and I feel like I have very good job security here.

"All those things make it worthwhile to me."

The Legislature reclassified some information technology jobs this year to bump up the pay scale for high-tech professionals. Lawmakers also authorized $10,000 bonuses for high-tech workers who stay on until May 31, 2000, to help make state computers compatible with the new millennium.

But a new state auditor's report indicates those things are not enough. Nearly 20 percent of the state's information technology professionals left their jobs in the budget year that ended Aug. 31. The rate is virtually unchanged from the previous year.

The auditor cited the strong national and state economy and Austin's abundance of high-tech companies as the main factors in the turnover. There are 770 high-tech companies with more than 67,000 employees in the Austin area, according to the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce.

One state agency, the Department of Information Resources, lost more than half its 34 computer wizards last year, the auditor found.

American who saved Jews is honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Like Oskar Schindler, Varian Fry had a list. And he, too, helped save hundreds of Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

Among those aided by the American were artist Marc Chagall, author Hannah Arendt and sculptor Jacques Lipchitz.

But unlike Schindler, whose story became a best-selling book and Oscar-winning movie, Fry and his legacy are little known.

Now the Jewish Museum is honoring the New York City writer, who spent 13 months in France in the early 1940s helping nearly 2,000 Jewish artists, writers and intellectuals elude capture.

"Assignment: Rescue, the Story of Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee" includes photographs and artifacts of the cafes, hotels, offices and other places that figured in Fry's rescue mission, based in Marseilles, France.

On Tuesday, Fry's former helpers will gather at the museum to speak about him and the exhibit, which opened Nov. 23 and runs through March 29.

"Varian Fry and his associates saved some of the pre-eminent artists and intellectuals of the 20th century," museum spokeswoman Anne Scher said. "His accomplishments constitute one of the most riveting chapters of the Holocaust period."

Fry, who died in 1967, and his committee sheltered refugees, arranged fake passports and organized escape routes out of France to Spain and Portugal from 1940 to 1941.

Among others he saved were artists Andre Breton and Max Ernst, author Franz Werfel and Nobel Prize-winning biochemist Otto Meyerhof.

Fry, who was not Jewish, became resolved to help victims of Nazi persecution when he saw Jews being beaten while he visited Berlin in 1935.

As the Nazis surged through Europe, many Jews sought refuge in unoccupied France. After France fell to the Nazis in 1940, many Jews were trapped in the southern port city of Marseilles.

"Now that that same oppression had spread to France, I could not remain idle so long as I had the chance at all of saving even a few of its intended victims," Fry later wrote.

A group of Americans, including Fry, asked Eleanor Roosevelt to help rescue Jewish artists and intellectuals, and she had 200 visas issued.

Fry, then 32 and an editor for the Foreign Policy Association in New York, was chosen to go to France for three weeks to try to help the 200 people on his list get out.

His mission ended up lasting 13 months. He soon found himself overwhelmed, besieged with cries for help.

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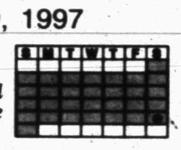

Today is the 333rd day of 1997 and the 70th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1872, Horace Greely died insane, just three weeks after losing the presidential election to U.S. Grant.

On this day in 1959, Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife" won the Grammy for record of the year.

On this day in 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral in the Mercury-Atlas V and became the first astronaut to orbit earth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848), composer; Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), writer; Busby Berkeley (1895-1976), director; C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), writer; Adam Clayton Powell (1908-1972), politician-minister; Madeleine L'Engle (1918-), writer, is 79; Chuck Mangione (1940-), musician, is 57; Garry Shandling (1950-), comedian, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1890, Navy defeated Army, 24-0, in the first Army-Navy football game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Do not fear death so much, but rather the inadequate life." — Bertolt Brecht

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1923, 100 chickens disappeared when a strong tornado hit just north of Latham, Ala.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Today is the 334th day of 1997 and the 71st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1954, Elizabeth Hodges of Sylacauga, Ala., was hit on the arm by an 8-1/2 pound meteorite.

On this day in 1967, David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon announced their engagement.

On this day in 1969, Simon and Garfunkel's first TV special was broadcast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), writer; Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens, 1835-1910), writer; Winston Churchill (1874-1965), English statesman; Efrem Zimbalist Jr. (1923-), actor, is 74; Dick Clark (1929-), producer, is 68; G. Gordon Liddy (1930-), burglar-talk show host, is 67; Bill Walsh (1931-), football coach, is 66; Abbie Hoffman (1936-1989), revolutionary; David Mamet (1947-), dramatist, is 50; Bo Jackson (1962-), baseball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Pittsburgh running back Tony Dorsett won the Heisman Trophy.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Everyone has his day, and some days last longer than others." — Winston Churchill

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, a heavy snowstorm created drifts 12 feet high in north-central Nebraska.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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'Appeals' candidate stops for Snyder visit

Comanche County Prosecutor Terry McCall stopped in Snyder briefly this week on the campaign trail for judge of the Eleventh Court of Appeals.

McCall is seeking the Republican nomination for the associate justice post being vacated by Judge Bob Dickenson.

"The Eastland Court has an excellent reputation throughout the State of Texas, and I hope to participate in the continuation of that tradition," said McCall, who is president of the 220th Judicial District Bar Association and chairman of the Comanche County Law Enforcement Association.

He became Comanche County Attorney in 1992 and was elected to a second term in 1996. He began his legal career in Houston with the law firm of Baker & Botts, where he specialized in finance and tax law.

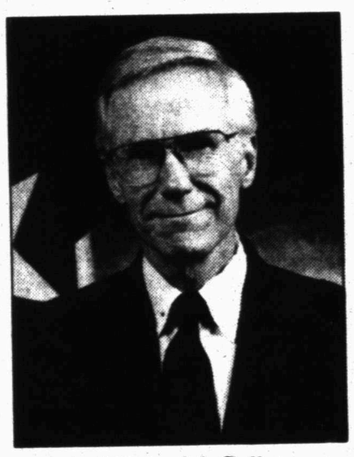
He also has an extensive business background. He has served as president and chairman of the board of McCall Industries, Inc., a Houston-based manufacturing company with sales over $100 million. He served as general counsel, vice president of finance and then senior vice president for Alaska Interstate, a New York Stock Exchange traded company.

McCall currently serves as a director of Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas and the UT School of Law. He is a veteran and served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve, honorably discharged with the rank of captain in the judge advocate general corps.

"My experience as a criminal prosecutor, county elected official, businessman and rancher give me a breadth of experience that is truly unique," McCall said. "Like the court, my judicial philosophy is conservative. Judges should interpret the law, follow precedent and not legislate from the bench."

The 11th District includes 23 Texas counties — among them, Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan.



Terry McCall

Wells graduates

KELLY AFB — Army Pvt. Daniel A. Wells has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Wells is the son of Darla K. and Donald B. Wells of Snyder.

He is a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School.

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SPORTS

Longhorns thaw Blizzards, 32-27

The Winters Blizzards almost worked some more Tiger Stadium magic.

After knocking off defending state champion Iraan last week at Tiger Stadium, the Blizzards erased a 26-7 deficit Friday night, before falling to the Lockney Longhorns, 32-27.

The Class 2A regional playoff loss ends Winters' season at 10-2, while the Longhorns (12-1) advance to face Stanton in the state quarterfinals.

Following a first half in which Lockney dominated to grab a 26-7 lead, the Blizzards tightened the gap on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Kenny Whittenburg, at the 4:47 mark of the third quarter.

Marshall Scates added the extra point for a 26-14 tally.

Then just over two minutes later, following a Lockney fumble, Whittenburg threw a 23-yard strike to Lee Woffenden in the back of the endzone. The PAT failed, leaving the score 26-20.

But the Blizzards weren't done yet.

With just 4:28 remaining in the contest, after converting on fourth and one at the Longhorn 3, Scates plunged in from a yard out. He then booted the point after, giving Winters a 27-26 advantage.

But the Longhorns struck back.

With only 2:44 left on the clock, Lockney's Devon Phillips broke loose on a 43-yard scoring scamper to seize the 32-27 lead, following a failed two-point conversion.

Winters made a final desperation drive, moving all the way to the Lockney 4-yard line, before turning the ball over on downs.

The Longhorns had opened the large halftime lead with big plays.

J.R. Walker ran in from 13 yards out and Thad Lusk added the PAT for a 7-0 margin.

Winters then posted its only score of the first two quarters on a 14-yard run by Eric Bernal and a Scates extra point.

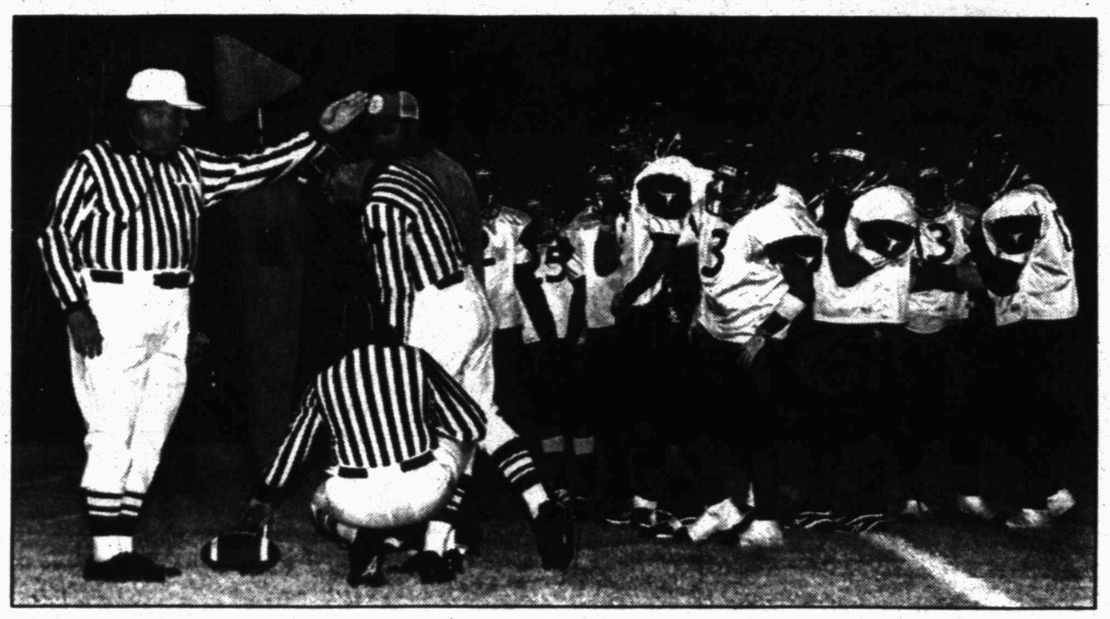
Lockney's speed took over in the second quarter.

Phillips raced 67 yards into the endzone, followed by a 62-yard sprint from Walker. Lusk's kick was true on one conversion, for a 20-7 lead.

Then just over a minute before halftime, Walker turned a short pass from QB Adam Cummings into a 70-yard touchdown. The two-point try was unsuccessfull, leaving the 26-7 tally after two periods of play.

The date and site for the Lockney vs. Stanton quarterfinal contest is yet to be determined.

The Buffaloes are 13-0 on the season and advanced by way of their 35-14 victory Friday night over Post.



FIRST DOWN! — A referee signals first down for Winters as Lockney's Willie Luna (3) and his Longhorn teammates look on, during third quarter action Friday night. Lockney topped the Blizzards, 37-26, in the Class 2A regional playoff contest at Tiger Stadium. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Cornhuskers escape Boulder with 27-24 win over Buffaloes

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Nebraska polished off a perfect regular season for the fourth time in the last five years, but in most unsatisfactory fashion.

Nebraska's locker room bore an eerie similarity to Colorado's after the Cornhuskers escaped with a 27-24 victory on Friday.

Ahman Green rushed for 202 yards and two touchdowns and No. 2 Nebraska kept its national championship hopes alive, but there was little celebrating.

The Huskers had to survive a fourth-quarter scare to eke out a win over a 21-point underdog.

"We had a chance to put it away," coach Tom Osborne said. "But at one point there, we kind of lost it and they almost beat us."

Scott Frost passed for 92 yards and ran for 76 yards and a score as the Huskers (11-0, 8-0 Big 12) extended their conference winning streak to 39 games.

Colorado (5-6, 3-5) completed its first losing season since 1984.

The Huskers were hoping for an impressive win to impress the pollsters. Instead, the narrow escape might even hurt their national standing.

Osborne refused to speculate on what effect the outcome might have on his team's ranking.

"The bottom line is we won the game," he said. "But we almost lost to a team with five losses, so that is probably on the voters' minds also. We just have to go out and win the next game and then our bowl game. That's all we can do."

The Huskers play Texas A&M in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 6. They need a victory in that game to be assured of a spot in the Orange Bowl, where they have a shot at their third national championship in the last four years. Top-ranked Michigan will play No. 10 Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

"Sometimes this whole thing with the polls is bad for you," Frost said. "Early in the fourth quarter, I was hurrying up to get plays in because we wanted to score points. As it turned out, it almost cost us a ballgame. We had a fumble and lost an onside kick.

"I'm a little upset. I feel we should have beaten them a lot worse than that."

In other Top 25 games Friday, Arizona upset No. 12 Arizona State 28-16, No. 15 Texas A&M defeated Texas 27-16, and No. 17 LSU beat Arkansas 31-21,

Today's Top 25 games are Vanderbilt at No. 3 Tennessee, No. 4 Penn State at Michigan State, No. 14 Georgia at Georgia Tech, No. 16 Syracuse at Miami, and Mississippi at No. 22 Mississippi State.

Colorado fell behind 27-10 after a dominating third quarter by Nebraska. The Huskers gained 234 yards in the period, had nine first downs and held the ball for 11:05 compared to 3:55 for Colorado.

But the Buffs rallied as John Hessler threw two late TD passes — a 32-yarder to Marcus Stiggers with 3:16 left and, after a successful onside kick, an 18-yarder to Robert Toler with 2:37 left.

Colorado regained possession with 52 seconds remaining, and Hessler promptly passed 16 yards to Phil Savoy. On third-and-10, Savoy caught a 14-yard pass but was flagged for offensive pass interference.

On third-and-25, Hessler's deep pass was tipped away by cornerback Ralph Brown. On fourth down, Savoy caught a pass off the right side and struggled for the first down, but was stopped 3 yards short by Erwin Swiney with 12 seconds left.

"Second place isn't any good," Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel said.

No. 17 LSU 31, Arkansas 21

At Baton Rouge, Kevin Faulk had 223 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns, and LSU shut out Arkansas in the second half.

Faulk ran for 138 yards on 28 carries. He also had 85 yards on returns.

LSU (8-3, 6-2 SEC), which led 24-21 at halftime, took a 10-point lead on a 3-yard TD pass from Herb Tyler to Kendall Cleveland in the third quarter. Meanwhile, the defense was shutting down Arkansas after allowing 257 yards in the first half.

Arkansas quarterback Clint Stoerner, who threw two 80-yard TD passes, completed 18-of-38 for 387 yards. That gave him 2,347 yards passing this season, surpassing the school record of 2,203 by Joe Ferguson in 1971.

The Razorbacks (4-7, 2-6) lost five of their last six games.

Arizona 28, No. 12 Arizona St. 16

At Tempe, Ortege Jenkins threw three touchdown passes and acted as a decoy to set up a fourth as Arizona upset Arizona State.

Jenkins, a redshirt freshman who started the season at wide receiver, threw scoring passes of 37 yards to Rodney Williams, 40 yards to Dennis Northcutt and 29 yards to Brad Brennan. He also flared out as a receiver on Keith Smith's 8-yard TD pass to Paul Shields.

The Wildcats (6-5, 4-4 Pac-10) might have earned a berth in the Insight.com Bowl, played in their own stadium in Tucson. The loss probably cost Arizona State (8-3, 6-2) a lucrative bid to the Fiesta Bowl, played in Sun Devil Stadium.

As the third-place team in the conference, the Sun Devils appear bound for the Sun Bowl.

Rockets surviving without Hakeem

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Life without Hakeem Olajuwon is still in its infancy for the Houston Rockets. After one game, though, it's not so bad.

With Olajuwon having knee surgery, the Rockets still found enough firepower left in the shooting arm of 38-year-old Eddie Johnson for a 98-89 win Friday night over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Johnson, a 16-year veteran, scored 9 straight Houston points in a 1:28 stretch of the fourth quarter as the Rockets used a 13-3 run to pull away late.

"A gigantic win for us," said coach Rudy Tomjanovich. "The loss of Hakeem and having (five) days off, we didn't know how things would go. But I had a gut feeling the way things went at practice that we were coming together."

The Rockets, who got 24 points from ex-Blazer Clyde Drexler and 20 from Johnson, nursed small leads during most of the last three quarters and then got the hot hand when the game was on the line.

"We didn't shoot great, we didn't rebound great, but we took care of the ball," Tomjanovich said of his team's 10 turnovers. "We forced 22 turnovers (on 13 steals) and that was the big difference. I was pleased with the chemistry of our team without Hakeem. We play much better when we play with the mentality of an underdog."

Johnson said that because of Houston's other offensive weapons he was able to get open shots.

"They've got to commit to someone," Johnson said. "Clyde was having a great game and you've got to respect Charles (Barkley). So I'm going to be the beneficiary of the good looks. That's what happened."

The Blazers couldn't handle the Rockets' pressure defense and relied too heavily on their outside shooting despite having a size advantage up front. They made only two of 16 attempts from 3-point range.

"We had a lot of mental errors that led to a lot of easy baskets for them," said coach Mike Dunleavy, who said his team may have been tired after returning home following a five-game East Coast road trip.

"But I don't want to use any excuses," he said. "A team that good, with that many really good shooters, is one that you can't give those kinds of advantages to. We just weren't sharp."

The Blazers also got very little from starting point guard Kenny Anderson, who played 27 minutes with a deep thigh bruise. He missed eight of nine field-goal attempts and scored two points.

Fisher says credit goes to defense

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A defense that couldn't buy an interception at the beginning of the season now has become one of the Tennessee Oilers' strengths.

The Oilers (7-6) forced only five turnovers in starting the season 1-4 and had no interceptions during their first six games, setting a NFL record.

They matched that total on Thursday with three interceptions of Troy Aikman and two fumble recoveries in a 27-14 victory over Dallas. During the past eight games, they are 6-2 with 23 turnovers.

Not bad for a secondary that is banged-up and limping. The Oilers lost their healthiest player Thursday when free safety Marcus Robertson sprained his right knee in the third quarter.

"I'm not surprised at all at what we've done defensively," Oiler coach Jeff Fisher said Friday. "If anything, I'm a little disappointed in our defense against the pass. But there's a reason for that just because we've been banged up."

Fisher said he has heard the talk that the Cowboys were embarrassed that they couldn't overcome their mistakes.

"I didn't see mistakes. I thought we forced errors. I thought we took advantage of some things. They can put it in perspective however they want. I'm giving this team credit for making the plays," he said.

As a reward for winning two games within five days, Fisher gave his players Friday off. They will return to practice Sunday in preparation for Thursday's visit to Cincinnati, their third game in 11 days.

The defense's turnaround has been slow coming as they adjusted to life without cornerback Cris Dishman.

They were the NFL's worst defense against the pass most of September and didn't start pulling together until mid-October with rookie Denard Walker filling in for left corner Steve Jackson, who severely sprained his ankle against Seattle Oct. 5.

Defensive coordinator Gregg Williams said the biggest reason for improvement is that the players have picked up the system quicker than he expected and adapt more quickly on the field.

"You can't play in our defense unless you can't think and think on the run period," said Fisher.

SDN Sports Week

Monday

Snyder 7th, 8th & 9th boys at Levelland, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30.

Levelland at Snyder 7th & 8th girls, SJHS gym, 5:00, 6:15.

Levelland at Snyder 9th girls, SHS gym, 6:15.

Ira Jr. High at Hermleigh, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Seminole at Snyder JV boys, SJHS gym, 6 p.m.

Lubbock High at Snyder JV & varsity girls, 4:30, 6 p.m.

Seminole at Snyder varsity boys, 7:30.

Roby at Hermleigh varsity girls & boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Highland at Ira varsity girls & boys, 6:30, 8 p.m.

Thursday

Snyder varsity boys vs. Seminole, Frenship tourney, 12:15.

Snyder JV boys at Coahoma tourney.

Snyder 9th girls at Colorado City tourney.

Snyder JV girls at Sweetwater tourney.

Hermleigh varsity boys & girls at Wilson tourney.

Ira varsity boys & girls at Highland tourney.

SDN Sports Briefs

Little dribblers' sign-up

Sign-ups for boys' Little Dribblers will begin Monday at Scurry County Boys & Girls Club.

Registration for 8-year-olds will be held Monday through Friday. Ages 9-12 will sign-up Dec. 8 through 12.

Registration fee is $20. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at 573-3344.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	17	7	0	34	72	42
Philadelphia	15	8	3	33	76	59
Washington	13	10	3	29	79	70
N.Y.Islanders	10	11	4	24	66	68
N.Y.Rangers	8	11	8	24	70	75
Florida	8	13	4	20	60	76
TampaBay	4	17	3	11	47	83

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	15	8	3	33	82	61
Pittsburgh	13	9	5	31	76	68
Boston	11	11	4	26	65	74
Carolina	10	12	4	24	70	73
Ottawa	10	12	4	24	66	65
Buffalo	7	12	5	19	63	73

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	17	6	4	38	90	60
Dallas	17	7	4	38	90	63
St.Louis	15	8	3	33	76	57
Phoenix	12	10	2	26	71	66
Chicago	9	13	4	22	56	67
Toronto	8	12	3	19	45	63

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	12	6	8	32	77	66
LosAngeles	11	9	5	27	81	70
Anaheim	11	11	5	27	63	73
SanJose	9	16	2	20	70	82
Edmonton	7	13	6	20	58	81
Vancouver	8	14	3	19	70	85
Calgary	4	15	7	15	64	83

Friday's Games

Vancouver 5, Boston 2
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Colorado 3, Florida 2
Carolina 2, Tampa Bay 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Buffalo 3, tie
Detroit 2, Montreal 0
Anaheim 3, Edmonton 1
New Jersey 4, San Jose 2

Saturday's Games

Washington at Boston, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

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SPORTS

Williams sets records; Aggies take South title

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas Aggies had to gang up on the nation's leading rusher to win the Big 12 South championship.

Dante Hall and D'Andre Hardeman each rushed over 100 yards and Kyle Bryant kicked two late field goals as No. 15 Texas A&M beat Ricky Williams and the Texas Longhorns 27-16 Friday for the Big 12 South championship.

"It was three of us and one of him," Hall said. "We had a big day overall."

Williams scored two touchdowns and broke Earl Campbell's school record of 1,744 single season yards with 183 yards on 33 carries, giving him 1,893 for the season.

Williams also broke Eric Metcalf's school record of 1,925 all-purpose yards, finishing this season with 2,043 yards.

But the Aggies held off the Longhorns' second half push and advanced into their Dec. 6 showdown with Nebraska in San Antonio's Alamodome for the Big 12 championship.

"I felt good about our running backs," A&M coach R.C. Slocum said. "I have tremendous respect for Ricky Williams but I wouldn't trade Dante Hall, Sirr Parker and D'Andre Hardeman for him and that's not to disparage Ricky Williams' ability. We have three very good running backs."

Hardeman rushed 121 yards on 21 carries, Hall gained 118 yards on 19 carries and Parker had 38 yards on 10 carries and two touchdowns.

And that was enough to send the Longhorns (4-7, 2-6) into an offseason of trying to regroup. They could be doing it without John Mackovic, rumored on the way out as head coach.

Mackovic didn't discuss his job status in his post-game meeting Friday but he's repeated this week that he expects to return as coach.

"I hope he's back next year," Longhorn linebacker Brandon Nava said. "Everyone's focused on wins and losses but to be a football player you have to be a good athlete, a good student and a good person. He's helped us develop in all those ways."

After a scoreless first quarter played in a lightning-spiced rainstorm, the Aggies took a 14-6 halftime lead on runs of seven yards by Parks and 12 yards by Hardeman. Williams scored on a 2-yard run for the Longhorns on the first play of the second quarter.

"If we could have played the rest of the game like we did at the beginning, we would have been OK," said Texas quarterback James Brown, a senior. "I know it was my last game, and my career is over, but I tried to do my best every time I went on the field."

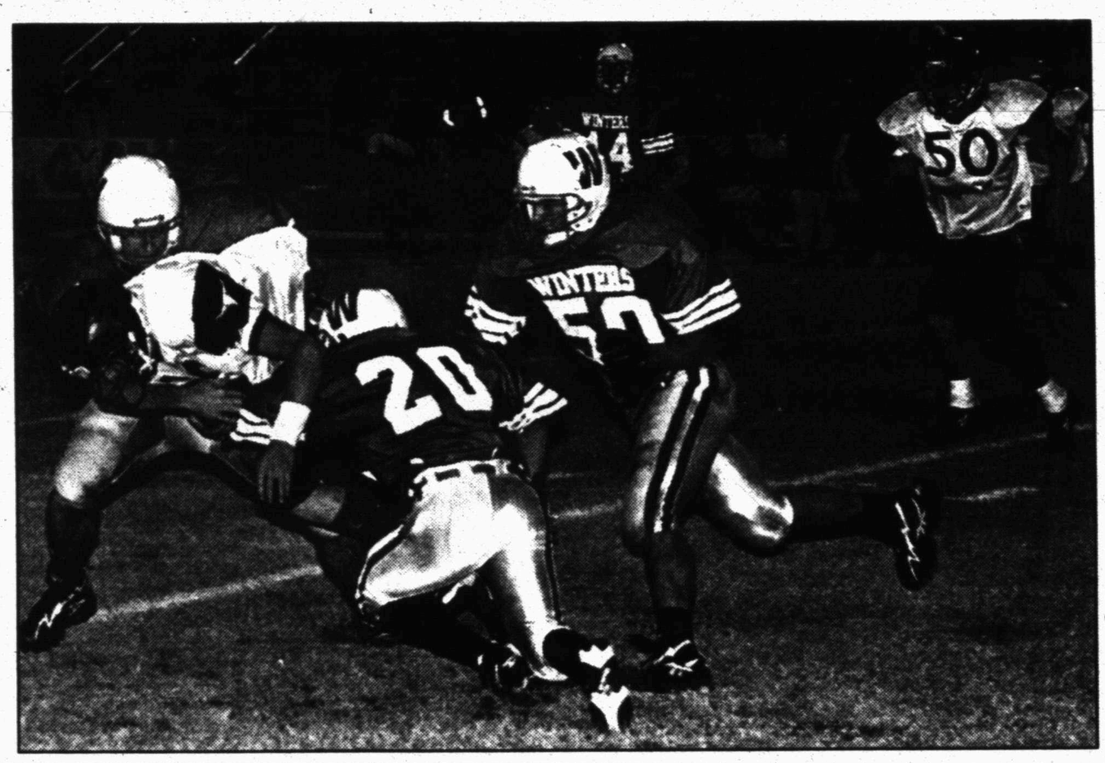
The Aggies took a 21-6 lead early in the third quarter when a 52-yard sprint by Donte Hall set up Parker's second touchdown run but the Longhorns made one last run.

Williams' second of two touchdown runs, a 3-yarder with 9:22 to go in the third quarter, and Phil Dawson's 39-yard field goal with 12:14 left in the game enabled Texas to close to 21-16.

"We knew this was going to be a fight for 60 minutes," A&M linebacker Trent Driver said. "We knew Ricky Williams would get the ball a lot and we just had to get in there and keep battling."

Williams, a junior, said he will make a decision within a month whether to return for his senior season or turn pro and he wasn't consoled about breaking Campbell's record.

"It doesn't mean anything right now, maybe it will in a week," he said.



GANG TACKLE — Lockney QB Adam Cummings is taken down by Winters' Jeremy Alvarado (20), Michael Pritchard (50) and another Blizzard defender during the 2A playoff game Friday night at Tiger Stadium. Lockney's Josh Lambert (50) and Winters' Kirk Byrd (44) pursue the action. (SDN Staff Photo By Eric Drennan)

Tech player critically injured in auto wreck

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Texas Tech starting defensive tackle was injured critically in a two-car accident Friday that may leave the player paralyzed.

Stoney Garland, 21, was in critical condition and breathing with a respirator Friday night at University Medical Center in Lubbock after the early morning accident between a truck he was riding in and a Ford Mustang.

The 6-foot-6, 285-pound junior transfer from Plains suffered a fractured collarbone, a crushed trachea, two fractured vertebrae and possible spinal injuries in the 12:15 a.m. accident at an intersection about 1½ miles southwest of campus, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

"The wins and losses on the football field pale in comparison when you get into life-and-death situations like this," Tech athletic spokesman Richard Kilwien said.

Garland's head hit the windshield when the truck in which he was riding with three other passengers hit the rear of the Mustang. A driver and a passenger were in the Mustang.

The five other young men were involved in the two-vehicle accident, but all except Garland escaped without severe injuries.

Paramedics at the scene of the accident had to resuscitate Garland. Doctors were unsure how long his brain went without oxygen and say they are concerned about possible paralysis and brain damage, Kilwien said. Garland was on a respirator Friday night.

Kilwien said doctors will know more after conducting tests and said the fact that Garland is young and in good shape "obviously helps a lot."

No charges had been filed as of Friday night, but Lubbock police spokesman Bill Morgan said the vehicles' passengers exchanged "contemptuous words" just before the accident.

Garland had 58 stops last season and was the team's eighth-leading tackler. He also had a pair of quarterback sacks.

Victories by Oilers, Lions jumble wild card picture

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

The NFL wild card race is getting, well, wild.

While only one division title has been settled heading into the 14th weekend of the season — San Francisco owns the NFC West — the requirements for winning each of those other races are clear. Nothing is so obvious where the wild cards are concerned.

If the Broncos, Jets and Steelers win out, they take each of the AFC sectors. Same for the Giants and Packers in the NFC.

But Tennessee's 27-14 victory at Dallas and Detroit's 55-20 triumph at Chicago Thanksgiving Day jumbled the wild-card chase. Both winners moved to 7-6 and put themselves in the thick of playoff consideration.

On Sunday, several of the stronger wild-card contenders have difficult games. Tampa Bay is at the Giants, Kansas City is home for San Francisco and Miami is at Oakland. On Monday night, Minnesota entertains Green Bay.

The Chiefs (9-3) are in the best position to make the playoffs without winning their division. They trail Denver by a game and a victory over the 49ers not only would solidify their wild-card situation, it would keep them close in the AFC West. The Broncos have a much easier matchup at San Diego.

The Niners are playing for home-field advantage for the entire NFC playoffs; they have a two-game lead over the Packers. They also want to keep sharp after seeing how the Broncos got stale a year ago following an early division clinching.

"The most important issues are ahead of us, not behind us," Steve Young said. "Home field is not the end-all, but it's very important, so we're working for that. You also want to have momentum going at the end of the season."

Also on Sunday, the Jets are at Buffalo, Pittsburgh at Arizona, Baltimore at Jacksonville, Cincinnati at Philadelphia, Indianapolis at New England, New Orleans at Carolina, St. Louis at Washington and Atlanta at Seattle.

The Bucs lost at Chicago last week, a big step backward in their chase for their first playoff berth since 1982. They make two trips to the New Jersey Meadowlands in three weeks, and have the Packers in between. The Bucs also haven't won a game this season when the temperature was below 42 degrees, and it might not be that warm at Giants Stadium Sunday.

"We're actually hoping it will be 38 or 39, so we can get that monkey off our back," coach Tony Dungy said. "It seems that's all people have wanted to talk about the last two weeks. Too much is made of that. I know we haven't won in Giants Stadium, either."

Miami (7-5) never has won at Oakland, going 0-8 there against the Raiders.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS

CLASS 5A
Division I
Region I/II
Quarterfinals

Odessa (9-3) vs. Duncanville (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Longview (12-0) vs. Killeen Ellison (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford

Region III/IV
Quarterfinals

Katy (11-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

SA Taft (5-6) vs. CC Carroll (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Amarillo (10-2) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Abilene Cooper (12-1) beat South Grand Prairie (10-3), 36-20

Region II
Regional

Richardson Lake Highlands (10-2) vs. Langham Creek (10-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field, Kyle Field

Tyler John Tyler (10-2) vs. Cypress Falls (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin

Region III
Regional

Mayde Creek (10-1) vs. Beaumont West Brook (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium

Alief Hastings (11-1) vs. Baytown Lee (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston Tully

Region IV
Regional

SA MacArthur (10-2) vs. Victoria (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio, Alamo Stadium

New Braunfels (12-1) beat Harlingen (11-2), 31-28

CLASS 4A
Division I
Region I/II
Quarterfinals

Canyon Randall (10-3) beat Brownwood (10-3), 31-20

Mesquite Poteet (9-3) vs. Corsicana (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region III/IV
Quarterfinals

Jacksonville (12-0) vs. Texas City (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville Bowers

Waco Midway (12-1) beat Schertz Clemens (12-1), 36-14

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Andrews (9-3) vs. Denison (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock

Sweetwater (13-0) beat Graham (8-5), 21-12

Region II
Regional

Highland Park (11-1) vs. Mount Pleasant (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland

Terrell (12-0) vs. Ennis (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Ownby Stadium, SMU campus, Dallas

Region III
Regional

LC-Mauriceville (10-2) vs. Sweeny (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena Memorial

West Orange-Stark (12-0) vs. La Marque (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville Bowers

Region IV
Regional

Smithson Valley (11-1) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), Saturday, 2 p.m., Alice

Austin Lanier (10-3) lost to Edcouch-Elsa (13-0), 41-0

CLASS 3A
Region I
Regional

Seminole (11-2) lost to Aledo (13-0), 38-36

Perryton (10-4) lost to Breckenridge (13-0), 54-17

Region II
Regional

Kemp (9-4) lost to Linden-Kildare (12-1), 28-14

Commerce (13-0) beat Omaha Paul Pewitt (7-6), 14-6

Region III
Regional

Crockett (12-1) beat Columbus (10-3), 30-21

Corrigan-Camden (11-2) lost to La Grange (11-2), 20-14 (2OT)

Region IV
Regional

Cuero (11-2) beat Mathis (8-5), 67-20

Sealy (13-0) beat George West (10-2), 24-15

CLASS 2A
Region I
Regional

Lockney (12-1) beat Winters (10-2), 32-27

Post (8-5) lost to Stanton (13-0), 35-14

Region II
Regional

Holliday (10-3) lost to Celina (11-2), 20-7

Lindsay (11-3) lost to Italy (13-0), 48-18

Region III
Regional

Kerens (11-2) lost to Alto (13-0), 41-10

Elysian Fields (13-0) beat Lexington (12-1), 20-14

Region IV
Regional

Rogers (12-1) beat Charlotte (12-1), 56-34

Crawford (12-1) lost to Refugio (11-2), 17-10

CLASS 1A
Region I/II
Quarterfinals

Wheeler (10-3) beat Alvord (11-2), 28-20

Gruver (7-6) lost to Munday (10-3), 35-33

Region III/IV
Quarterfinals

Celeste (13-0) beat Burkeville (9-4), 39-0

Tenaha (11-2) lost to Granger (10-3), 22-21

Sixman
Region I/II
Quarterfinals

Sands (11-2) lost to Lazbuddie (12-1), 52-44

Silverton (9-3) vs. Borden County (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Idalou

Region III/IV
Quarterfinals

Panther Creek (12-1) beat Gordon (12-1), 38-24

May (9-3) lost to Trinidad (12-0), 88-42

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y.Jets	8	4	0	.667	283	232
NewEngland	7	5	0	.583	288	216
Miami	7	5	0	.583	260	226
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	197	286
Indianapolis	1	11	0	.083	205	328
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	281	226
Jacksonville	8	4	0	.667	305	242
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	284	242
Baltimore	4	7	1	.375	233	257
Cincinnati	4	8	0	.333	225	309
West						
Denver	10	2	0	.833	355	187
KansasCity	9	3	0	.750	247	203
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	264	277
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	278	313
SanDiego	4	8	0	.333	225	306

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y.Giants	7	4	1	.625	218	207
Washington	6	5	1	.542	224	176
Dallas	6	7	0	.462	260	240
Philadelphia	5	6	1	.458	203	244
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	196	262
Central						
GreenBay	9	3	0	.750	316	234
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	274	262
TampaBay	8	4	0	.667	242	192
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	322	250
Chicago	2	11	0	.154	215	377
West						
SanFrancisco	11	1	0	.917	295	149
Carolina	6	6	0	.500	201	224
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	236	295
NewOrleans	4	8	0	.333	154	245
St.Louis	2	10	0	.167	202	281

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Thursday's Games

Detroit 55, Chicago 20

Tennessee 27, Dallas 14

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Jacksonville, noon.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, noon.
Indianapolis at New England, noon.
New Orleans at Carolina, noon.
New York Jets at Buffalo, noon.
St. Louis at Washington, noon.
San Francisco at Kansas City, noon.
Atlanta at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New York Giants, 3 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 7 p.m.

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	4	.714	-
Orlando	10	5	.667	½
NewJersey	9	5	.643	1
NewYork	9	5	.643	1
Boston	7	8	.467	3½
Philadelphia	4	8	.333	5
Washington	5	10	.333	5½
Central Division				
Atlanta	12	2	.857	-
Charlotte	9	4	.692	2½
Cleveland	8	6	.571	4
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	4
Indiana	7	6	.538	4½
Chicago	8	7	.533	4½
Detroit	6	10	.375	7
Toronto	1	14	.067	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
SanAntonio	8	6	.571	-
Utah	8	6	.571	-
Houston	7	5	.583	1
Minnesota	6	8	.429	2
Vancouver	6	10	.375	3
Dallas	4	10	.286	4
Denver	1	12	.077	6½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	12	2	.857	-
Seattle	12	3	.800	½
Phoenix	9	2	.818	1½
Portland	10	5	.667	2½
Sacramento	5	10	.333	7½
L.A.Clippers	2	13	.133	10½
GoldenState	1	12	.077	10½

Thursday's Game

Indiana 106, Vancouver 85

Friday's Games

Phoenix 112, Boston 108, OT
Philadelphia 105, L.A. Lakers 95
Orlando 94, Milwaukee 90
Cleveland 97, Charlotte 91
Indiana 94, Chicago 83
Detroit 86, New York 78
Dallas 93, Toronto 91
Denver 95, Minnesota 84
Utah 111, Golden State 82
Houston 98, Portland 89
Seattle 113, Sacramento 96
New Jersey 104, L.A. Clippers 92

Saturday's Games

Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Indiana, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

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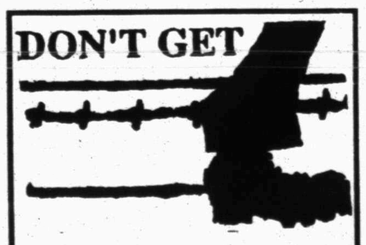
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Human waste eyed for oyster illness

ATLANTA (AP) — Human waste dumped by oyster fishermen working Louisiana coastal waters was the likely cause for making at least 179 oyster-eaters sick to their stomach last winter, the government said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched an investigation after people who ate oysters had diarrhea, nausea and stomach cramps last December and January in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The tainted oysters were traced to several retailers, wholesalers and fishermen, a clue that they were contaminated before they reached shore.

The CDC ruled out recreational boaters as the source, saying they were infrequent in December, and found that some fishermen frequently dumped their own waste overboard, it said Friday.

Pilgrim promoted

KELLY AFB — Stacy S. Pilgrim has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Pilgrim is a medical service apprentice with the 305th Medical Operation Squadron at Fort Dix, Trenton, H.J.

She is the daughter of Paula J. and stepdaughter of Jerry D. Pace of Midland.

Her father, Bobby D. Wright, resides in Friendwood.

The airman's husband, Air Force Senior Airman Mark S. Pilgrim, is the son of John M. and Jeanie Pilgrim of Snyder.

She is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.

GOOD BEHAVIOR PARTY — Snyder seventh and eighth graders were recently treated to a Good Behavior Party provided by the junior high's Adopt-A School partners, American State Bank and Big Country Autoland. Eighth graders shown in front from left are, Amy Reynolds, Misty Doty, Melonie Adams, Priscilla Carrasco, Vanessa Lara, Stacy Martinez. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Judge nixes Cuban hijacker's hopes for new life in America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Getting acquitted of hijacking after he brandished pistols and forced a plane to land at a U.S. military base was just the first hurdle. The tougher task for Jose Leonardo Fernandez Pupo is convincing U.S. authorities he really did head a secret anti-Castro organization and should be granted asylum.

Ever since the highly decorated former Cuban military officer hijacked a commuter flight and ordered it to the Guantanamo Naval Base last year, he has been on a legal roller coaster.

He looked like a winner in May when a jury in Washington acquitted him on grounds that his alternative had been imminent arrest as an anti-Castro rebel leader.

But his hopes for a new start in the United States were dashed last week when, in an unannounced decision, an immigration judge found Fernandez Pupo's story "not credible" and denied his request for political asylum.

The one concession that Immigration Judge John Bryant offered was to recommend that the defendant not be returned to Cuba because of a probability that he would be subjected to torture.

Fernandez Pupo's Miami-based lawyer, Wilfredo Allen, said deportation to a third country is the most likely outcome, though he knew of no country willing to accept the Cuban.

Meanwhile, a chagrined Fernandez Pupo, 54, spends his days at a detention center near Virginia Beach, Va. He has been in confinement since the day he landed at Guantanamo after commandeering the Cuba Aero Taxi flight in Eastern Cuba.

Fernandez Pupo maintains that he led a subversive group, numbering up to 1,000 militants, known as "Fifth of August 2000."

He testified that he became aware on July 3, 1996, that the authorities were closing in on him. If he had not acted quickly, he testified, he would have been arrested and subjected to torture aimed at forcing him to identify others.

The federal jury that acquitted him in May found his testimony credible, but Bryant did not. Citing the testimony of an FBI investigator, Bryant said Fernandez Pupo never mentioned the existence of the group during three days of questioning at the base. Official testimony also disclosed that the prying eyes of the State Department had never come across the Fifth of August.

"This court finds it difficult to believe that an anti-Castro group with an estimated 500 to 1,000 members can escape all recognition by American sources," Bryant wrote.

Bryant also found dubious Fernandez Pupo's claims that he was ordered by the movement to divert the aircraft, and that a series of actions over the years had made clear his doubts about Cuba's communist system.

Last of 7 breathing on his own

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Nathan Roy McCaughey became the last of the Iowa septuplets taken off his ventilator, joining his three brothers and three sisters in fair condition.

The milestone for the septuplets, born Nov. 19, is a good sign, an expert said Friday.

"They've moved beyond the first critical phase," said Dr. Tim Cooper, associate professor of neonatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

All seven are now being fed through tubes in their noses. Doctors will closely monitor how the babies' underdeveloped digestive systems handle the formula.

The next milestone will be sucking and swallowing so they can take food through their mouths, an ability that develops at 34 to 36 weeks gestation, medical experts say. The McCaugheys were born at 31 weeks.

Premature babies who make it through the first week after birth have a 98 percent chance of survival, Cooper said.

It wasn't clear if Nathan was taken off the ventilator on late Thursday or early Friday, and officials Blank Children's Hospital would not answer questions. Nathan's condition was available on an answering machine at the hospital.

Earlier this week, Dr. Robert Shaw, the neonatologist in charge of the babies' care, said it was a good sign the babies had lost between 5 to 10 percent of their body weight because that showed their kidneys are functioning well.

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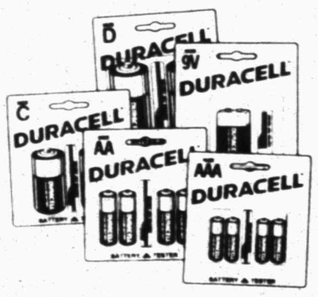

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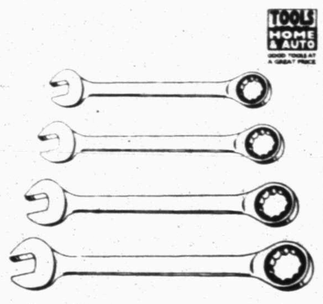

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Notice is hereby given of the application of Exxon Corporation for a Sour Gas Pipeline Facility Construction Permit; Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit, Scurry County, Texas.

Applicant: Exxon Corporation, P.O. Box 4358, Houston, Texas 77210-4358 For information, Contact Mr. John Lane at (713) 431-1227.

Facility Description: The project involves the construction of pipelines to gather natural gas produced from wells in Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit and the construction of pipelines to supply CO2 injection gas to wells in the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit.

Gas Gathering Pipeline

Type: Gas Gathering **Diameter:** 14" and 16" **Length:** Approximately 2.5 miles **Description:** API 5L, Grade B, Schedule 20, Cement lined internally and externally coated.
Operating Pressure: 350 to 400 psi, **Expected H2S concentration:** 1725 ppm **Description:** The pipeline is comprised of two sections, each running from a meter site in the field (Site #'s 14 & 16) to Central Tank Battery #5.

CO2 Injection Pipeline

Type: CO2 Injection **Diameter:** 6" and 8" **Length:** Approximately 2.5 miles **Description:** API 5L X-52, Wall thickness .332 (6") and .375 (8") Cement lined internally and externally coated.
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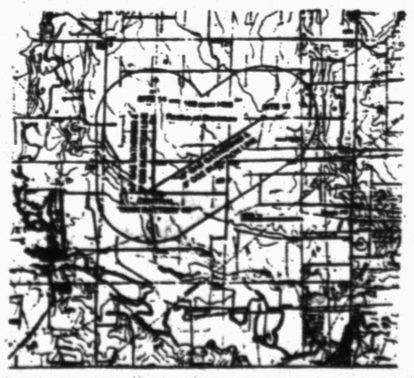
Geographic Boundaries of the Radius of H2S Exposure: The H2S Radius of Exposure extends 2285 feet on either side of the pipelines which are located approximately 14 miles southwest of Snyder, Texas and approximately 2 miles northwest of Knapp, Texas.

Land Use and Habitation: The land within the radius of exposure is used primarily for agriculture and for oil and gas production operations. There are no inhabitants of the area comprising the radius of exposure.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection at the offices of the County Clerk, located at the following address: County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas, 79549. Any owner or occupant of land within 100 ppm radius of exposure of the proposed sour gas pipeline facility desiring to protest this application can do so by mailing or otherwise delivering a letter referring to Gas Utilities Docket (GUD) No. 8825 and stating their desire to protest to: Assistant Director, Pipeline Safety Section, Gas Services Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. Protests must be received not later than the 30th day after the date this notice of application is published. It is recommended that a copy of this notice be included with the letter. Additional information concerning the protest procedure can be obtained by calling (512) 463-7017.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Nov. 30, 1997

A number of new ways to generate additional earnings might be tapped in the year ahead. You should be fortunate in areas where Dame Fortune never smiled upon you previously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Good news about a matter that you consider quite important could be on its way today. Be sure to let key people know where you can be reached at all times. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Loved ones will treat you in a generous manner today. You might be pleasantly surprised by an individual you never considered as an admirer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Nice things could happen for you today if you get out and circulate. Your chances for this occurring might be increased with each and every involvement.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The harder you try today, the luckier you're likely to be. Do not be afraid to strive for objectives that tax all of your capabilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your grasp of social and commercial situations today will be broad and accurate. Use your ideas the way you believe things should be handled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something profitable can be developed today that generates revenue through unusual sources. You might be able to tap into a new, lucrative source.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be in your element today with partnership arrangements. You will know how to use them to benefit both participants. Follow your instincts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An old project might be resurrected today and developed into the meaningful endeavor for which it was intended. Make sure past mistakes aren't repeated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Social acceptance isn't likely to be a problem for you today. Your charismatic personality will be an appealing magnet that attracts a crowd.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions that affect your occupation are very favorable today. You might reap benefits from developments where associates failed to score.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, plan something fun to even out your social obligations. After you have established the agenda, start calling to find out who is available.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions should start taking a favorable turn where your financial interests are concerned. They will have to be nurtured for best results.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 1, 1997

Your chart indicates you'll select a wiser course to pursue in the year ahead than you have in the past. Numerous doors will be opened owing to experience and improved judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be rather well-equipped today to handle financial or commercial situations, so you'll want to focus on these areas of potential benefits. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you'll be more effective and productive serving your personal interests than you will be halfheartedly trying to appease others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have something to resolve mentally today you're more likely to find a solution in quiet surroundings than in discussions with others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your probabilities for fulfilling your hopes look promising today, because you'll be a pragmatic visionary rather than just a wishful thinker.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What you have to say today will impact your attentive conversation mates. They will be inspired and take everything to heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might want to spend more time on mental endeavors today than on those of a physical nature. Your strength is in your head, not your back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will feel comfortable probing beneath the surface to get to the root of problems today. If you need to do any investigating, this is the day do it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen carefully to suggestions relating to mutual interests offered by your mate or partner today. A meeting of minds could be revealing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give a bit more attention to health matters today, especially if your eating or drinking habits have been undisciplined lately. Use your common sense.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you start associating with positive individuals it could have a constructive effect on your outlook. Do not stay in a rut if you're feeling down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep in mind the old golf saying, "You drive for show and putt for dough." In your critical affairs, the end is more important that the preliminaries.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something might occur today of which you'll want to keep a record. Have your video camera or photographic equipment ready just in case.

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Tally-no! House of Commons votes against all fox-hunting

LONDON (AP) — The House of Commons voted overwhelmingly Friday to ban the venerable sport of fox hunting, ignoring the pleas of hunt lovers gathered outside with their hounds.

Following an impassioned debate, the bill passed its second reading on a vote of 411-151. But the legislation may still be killed by Prime Minister Tony Blair — who says he supports the ban but has not provided time on the parliamentary agenda for it to clear all hurdles necessary for final passage.

The prime minister's office said Friday that Blair had other priorities, especially promoting legislation on education. Nonetheless, the strong vote in favor of the bill will add to pressure on the government to ease its passage.

About 150 country sports supporters held a 24-hour vigil outside Westminster Palace with their dogs to protest the proposed ban.

Protesters, organized by the Countryside Alliance, waved placards and chanted: "Listen to Us!" as they spent the cold night on the streets.

But the strongest sentiment against the hunting ban was felt outside London, where hunters carried on their pursuit of the fox on the day of the vote on the bill, which also would ban hunting of deer, hare and mink.

Huntsmen and -women in black and red riding coats rode their meticulously groomed horses through Ilminster in western England, declaring their support for the sport all the while.

All parties allowed members to vote as they pleased on the issue, departing from the normal practice of enforcing a party line.

Mike Foster, the Labor lawmaker who sponsored the bill, said the intention is "to protect wild mammals from cruelty and from the unnecessary pain and suffering inflicted in the name of a so-called sport."

Girl, mother, grandmother among those shot to death

BEAUMONT (AP) — A 28-year-old woman, her mother, 9-year-old daughter and an acquaintance were found shot to death in a house Friday.

Police Lt. Gary Wagner would not go so far as to classify the case as a murder-suicide, but he said: "We feel like we have everybody involved in this identified, and we're not looking for any suspects."

A call to police led to the discovery of the bodies of Evelyn Williams, 28, her 64-year-old mother Alt e Mae Williams, and 9-year-old daughter Amber Taylor about 3:30 a.m. in various rooms of their house on the city's south side, police said.

Also found dead was Michael Paul Dixon, 30, an acquaintance of Evelyn Williams, police said.

At least one, but not all, of the victims had multiple gunshot wounds, Wagner said. The victims were shot in various parts of their bodies.

A fourth member of the Williams family who was shot was taken to a local hospital and was expected to recover. Wagner would not identify the girl, saying only that she is a minor.

Besides the wounded girl, there apparently were three others in the house at the time of the shootings.

A gun believed to be the weapon used in the shootings was found in the house, police said. Wagner would not say what type of gun it was.

Police said they were not sure of a motive in the slayings.

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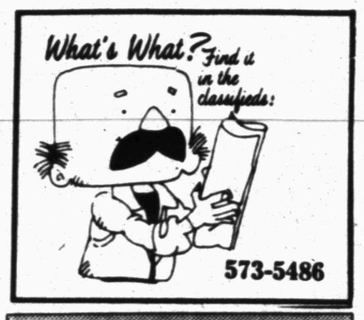

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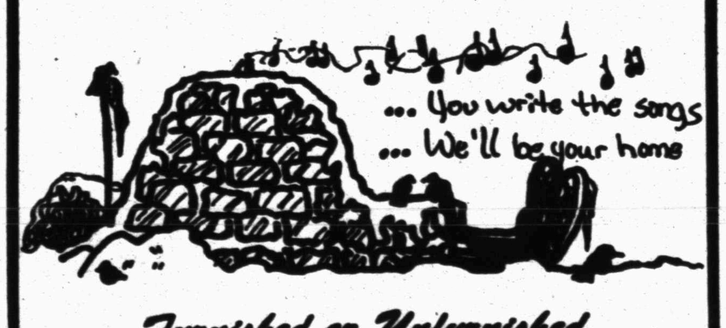

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BORDEN COUNTY RECEIVES "ANNE" — John Conner Jr., representing Texas Automobile Dealers Association and Big Country Autoland, presented Borden County EMS with a Resusci Anne complete CPR training manikin. He said "If the right kind of treatment can be given a heart attack victim within seconds after he or she is stricken, chances are good that the life can be saved and the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation is devoting resources to CPR training. Shown with Conner, left, are EMT members Carrie Hart, student; Shirley Bennett, secretary; Danita Roe; president Kent Holmes; Steve West with Big Country; Terry Hefner, NRCS, director and Sid Hardegree. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Russian lawmakers may tighten controls on all foreign adoptions

MOSCOW (AP) — Angered and alarmed by recent cases of Americans accused of abusing their adopted Russian children, lawmakers in Moscow are drafting rules to tighten control of adoptions by foreigners.

Members in the hard-line Parliament want to end what they say is a boom in the illegal selling of children. The State Duma, the lower house, is expected to consider the new legislation in December.

The proposed steps include requiring Russia to sign agreements with other nations to spell out adoption procedures, and to have children adopted by foreigners retain their Russian citizenship.

Critics say such rules will discourage foreign adoptions, leaving thousands of children stuck in orphanages that have limited resources to care for them.

On the other side, Alevtina Aparina, communist head of the Duma's committee for women and family affairs, initiated the new legislation out of a belief that the current rules have failed to protect children.

Every year, 30,000 children are put up for adoption in Russia. Most adopted children go to Russian homes, nearly 9,000 last year.

However, Russia recently became the No. 1 source of foreign children adopted by Americans, surpassing China. The U.S. State Department said Russia had 3,816 children adopted by U.S. parents in fiscal year 1997, compared to 3,597 from China.

In the previous fiscal year, Americans had adopted 2,454 Russian children.

With the number of foreign adoptions growing since Russia began allowing them in 1992, two cases of abuse allegations in the United States provoked broad indignation in Russia and provided emotional fuel for the proposed changes.

A Phoenix couple is accused of abusing their adopted Russian daughters on their flight from Moscow back to the United States.

A Family Court judge in New York ruled last month that Richard and Karen Thorne used excessive force in trying to subdue the 4-year-old girls in May. The girls were placed in the custody of Mrs. Thorne's brother while the couple undergoes psychological evaluations. Criminal charges are pending.

Last summer, a Colorado woman was convicted of beating to death the 2½-year-old boy she had adopted from a Russian orphanage.

Three arrests made in Snyder on Friday

One person was arrested Friday and two more early Saturday as local law enforcement officers had a busy day after Thanksgiving.

Deputies arrested a 24-year-old male at 8:30 p.m. Friday some three miles south of Snyder on Round Top Road. The man was wanted on outstanding Scurry and Mitchell County warrants for the issuance of bad checks.

A 17-year-old male was arrested in the 2700 block of Avenue F at 12:47 a.m. Saturday for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputies arrested a 25-year-old male at 1:31 a.m. Saturday on County Road 2128 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity Friday, a deputy was requested in the 400 block of Covey Lane at 9:03 a.m. in reference to someone stealing Christmas ornaments out of a barn. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Amy Becerra reported a puppy stuck under a car at 10:01 a.m. in the 4400 block of Avenue U. Officers were able to get the dog out from underneath the vehicle.

James Martin reported to officers at 1 p.m. that someone had stolen some CDs from his vehicle at 3604 Jacksboro. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

A woman told officers at 1:30 p.m. that she had pawned her VCR to another woman and when she went to pick it up, the VCR was missing. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

Officers responded to a report of a disturbance call at 1:42 p.m. in the 1000 block of 26th Street. A person said he had been assaulted, but he said he did not want to file charges.

The fire department extinguished a grass fire on FM 1611 at 4 p.m.

Officers were called to the 1100 block of 26th Street at 4:57 p.m. as a person said three juvenile boys had set her grass on fire.

A person made a complaint at 6:26 p.m. that someone was burning trash in the 2800 block of Avenue K. The person was advised of the city ordinance against burning trash in the city limits and he put the fire out.

Tomas Arguello reported at 7:05 p.m. that someone had broken some windows on a house at 2205 Ave. Z. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Law enforcement personnel were notified at 9:28 p.m. that a van belonging to the Ira School District, and used by the Price Daniel Unit outside work force to transport workers to the Ira schools, was missing from the parking lot at the unit. The van was later located at the Ira schools. School personnel had picked up the van and failed to notify the unit.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 9:31 p.m. in the 200 block of 34th Street.

Book on Cox released

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Except for a slight stoop and white hair, he looks about as he did 25 years ago when he confronted the ultimate power of the United States.

A tall, lean man with a crewcut, he sports his favorite outfit, a bow tie and plain gray suit. For a brief but intense time during Watergate, Archibald Cox was one of America's most recognizable men — the special prosecutor who demanded that President Nixon turn over secret tapes of Oval Office meetings. Nixon had him fired.

Now, Duquesne law professor Ken Gormley, a former student of Cox's at Harvard Law School, has put Cox's name back into the spotlight with a new biography published by Addison-Wesley called "Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation."

Cox, now 85, dismisses his place in history with a pragmatic air typical of his New England upbringing.

"I don't think 99 out of 100 people know who the heck Archibald Cox was. Certainly not today," he said. And Cox wasn't about to enlighten anyone with an autobiography. "I got no pleasure doing it," he said.

The research was slow-going, Gormley said, in part because Cox is so self-effacing. Well into his interviews, Gormley called his wife back home in Pittsburgh to say that giving up his law practice to live in a dorm room in Boston and work on the book might have been a mistake.

"I told her, 'He's played a lot of bit parts in important things, but he hasn't played an important part.' I thought they'd print 100 copies and put them on the darkest shelf of a law library somewhere," he recalled.

"But after two years I realized I had a book and that Professor Cox had played a major part in many things. He just didn't tell me about it."

Gormley's purpose was to persuade not just legal scholars but ordinary citizens that Cox is more than a historical footnote. He argues that Cox, a man of unshakeable integrity devoted to public service and fairness, became an anchor at a time when many of America's values and institutions were adrift.

Still, Watergate unnerved Cox, a man more accustomed to taking orders from presidents — he served under Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson — than giving them orders.

Indeed, when Attorney General Elliot Richardson selected him to the $38,000-a-year job as special prosecutor, the president fully expected Cox not to delve too deeply and to back off when necessary, Cox said at a recent stop in Pittsburgh to promote the book.

"I couldn't keep out of my mind a conversation with my father when I was 12 or 13. 'When the president of the United States asks you to do something, you do it,'" Cox said. His great-grandfather, more than a century ago, defended President Andrew Johnson during impeachment proceedings.

Decades later — and two careers after Watergate — Cox still muses over what would have happened had Nixon not resigned and instead fought the Supreme Court over release of the tapes.

"One of the anguishing questions was ... how is the court going to enforce a decree against the president of the United States? There's simply no way it can do it. No way. You can't do anything unless the people's voice is heard and they rise up morally and politically," Cox said.

"And would they rise up? If I continued to push and the people didn't rise up? That was the question I had to face."

The standoff troubled him so deeply that he dubbed his last week as special prosecutor his "week of agony."

One of the many little-known facts the book reveals is that Cox came close to a compromise with the president over the tapes. Negotiations continued up to Oct. 20, 1973, the day of the infamous "Saturday Night Massacre," when Cox was fired and Attorney General Elliot Richardson resigned rather than heave the ax.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Relief Does Exist for Those Suffering From Chronic Pain

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: In reference to the letter from the 71-year-old woman who suffered from chronic pain after a car accident: Your advice to see a pain specialist about alternative methods of dealing with pain needs to be heard by all.

At 40 years of age, I was rear-ended. A year later I was in another car accident. I was diagnosed with three neck and back injuries and had surgery on both my hands for carpal tunnel syndrome. I was treated with pain medication, high blood pressure medicine, antidepressants and muscle relaxants. I was in diapers for two years for incontinence. (Only later did I realize this was a side effect of the drugs!) The only constant in my life was pain and depression. I was under the care of doctors, but finally came to realize that I had to take charge of my life. I had to either change it or end it!

To make a long story short, I heard about hypnosis and biofeedback. I went, and after four sessions, I was pain-free! My blood pressure is now normal, I've lost 40 pounds, and I'm no longer depressed. I love being around people and enjoy living again.

I lost seven years of my life to pain. Abby, please advise your readers to never settle for living in pain. Miracles do happen, thanks to the Lord and my doctor. You may use my name.

L. BARRAS,
ST. MARTINVILLE, LA.

DEAR L. BARRAS: I'm pleased to learn that your recovery was so successful, and I'm printing your testimonial. No one should have to live in constant pain. Read on for another view:

DEAR ABBY: One of your readers recently expressed concern about becoming addicted to pain medication. I agree with your recommendation to see a pain specialist for non-pharmaceutical treatment. Unfortunately, these methods are not always effective. Many patients continue to require strong pain medication for relief.

The vast majority of people who take narcotics for pain do *not* become addicts. Although tolerance (the requirement for bigger doses) and dependence (the development of withdrawal symptoms after sudden discontinuation) are associated with addiction, they do not represent true addiction by themselves.

Addiction is a condition in which people make obtaining and using the drug the centerpiece of their existence. The use of the drug is an end point in itself. Drug addicts withdraw and become less functional when they take drugs. In contrast, chronic-pain patients become more functional when they use their drugs, and are able to join in basic social activities frequently denied them by their pain. It is well-established that chronic-pain sufferers develop tolerance and dependence while on narcotics, but these are expected side effects — *not signs of addiction* — and are not considered indications for discontinuing the drug.

Tragically, tolerance and dependence are often mistaken for addiction, and the drugs are abruptly stopped. It is well known that pain patients sometimes take their own lives when their medications are discontinued. I have come to call this "algocide" — suicide driven by pain.

Better understanding of true addiction, as opposed to the commonplace occurrence of tolerance and dependence, would help alleviate the daily suffering of millions of people and prevent many deaths per year due to algocide.

MICHAEL S. GORBACK, M.D.,
THE CENTER FOR PAIN RELIEF,
HOUSTON

DEAR DR. GORBACK: Your philosphy may be viewed by some as audacious, but it's logical and sensible. I was fascinated to learn that in the late '80s, Texas was the first state to pass intractable-pain statutes that grant physicians great latitude in prescribing medication to those who suffer from chronic pain — and since then, more than half of the other states have enacted similar guidelines. It is also illuminating that the incidence of drug or alcohol abuse in chronic-pain patients is no higher than in the general population.

Perhaps this will put to rest the concerns of chronic-pain patients whose quality of life suffers because they fear chemical dependence.

DEAR ABBY: I am 10 years old and in fifth grade. All my life I have been chosen last. That's my problem.

P.E. is my least favorite class in school, not because I don't like sports — I enjoy them. But it is so humiliating always being chosen last. I dread going to school on days when I know we will have P.E.

Why can't physical education teachers use a different system? P.E. teachers must have never had to experience what I have each day in P.E. I will go into the class again tomorrow to be chosen last.

Why don't they just hang a sign on me that says, "Reject. Last one to pick gets me."

I'm sure there are other kids who feel the same way. There is one in every P.E. class. It really hurts.

My mom says not to let it bother me. She says she was always chosen last, too. I think she says that just to make me feel better.

Please don't say, "Practice the sport and you'll be great at it and everyone will want you on their team." It doesn't work that way. I'm kind of quiet, and even if you're not bad at the sport, once you've been chosen last you will be last next week, the week after, and next year, too.

I really, really, really hope you print this. I can't bear to think I have to go to P.E. tomorrow. What can I do?

ALWAYS CHOSEN LAST,
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR ALWAYS CHOSEN LAST: Perhaps there is nothing you can do, but there is plenty your P.E. teacher could do if he or she had the sensitivity and imagination.

If I had my way, I would outlaw that system of choosing up sides. It's cruel! It was used many years ago when I was a girl in Sioux City, Iowa. It was wrong then, and it's still wrong!

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DEAR ABBY: I hope you can help me with my problem. I talk to myself. I have always done this to some extent, just like my mother did, but I'm afraid it's getting worse since my husband died six months ago.

I live alone with my little dog, but I don't feel lonely. I like people very much and have no trouble visiting with them when the opportunity presents itself.

I am 73 years old. Is talking to yourself a sign of senility? Or am I losing my mind? I'm sure I do this in stores when shopping alone (not out loud, but my lips probably move), which is embarrassing. How serious is this?

CHATTY CATHERINE,
NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR CHATTY CATHERINE: I wouldn't consider this a serious problem. I'll wager most people have at least an occasional chat with their most constant companion — themselves.

A widow once wrote, "I talk to myself whenever I feel the need for intelligent conversation."

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DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Best Friends in Kennesaw, Ga.," the young woman who wanted to be "best man" in her friend's wedding.

I became engaged to a caring, loving, hard-working man who treated me like a queen. I asked my best friend of many years to be my maid of honor. She refused because my fiance and I are of different faiths and she couldn't support our marriage.

I was devastated, but a male friend stepped in and helped me through. He had always been supportive, and I was proud to have him stand up for me in my wedding because he really cared about me. Friends have no gender. "Thomas" was my "Best Man of Honor."

H.R., MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR H.R.: Congratulations for making a choice that was right for you. Several readers have suggested names for wedding party members of the opposite sex. My favorite was "Bride's (or Groom's) Honor Attendant."

Births

Kaleb Presley announces the birth of his brother, Logan Miller Presley. He was born at 5:23 p.m. on Nov. 25 in Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo. He weighed eight pounds. Parents are Jayson and Jennifer Presley.

Grandparents are Jimmie and Joyce McIntire and Rickey and Teri Presley, all of Snyder. Great-grandmothers are Jeane Duke of Snyder and Sparky Durham of Levelland.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Getting your stress under control

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 40-year-old son has pain in his back from stress, causing discomfort that comes and goes, for which he takes about eight ibuprofen pills a day. Will the long-term use of this medicine harm him?

DEAR READER: Ibuprofen — and other drugs like it — can cause heartburn, indigestion and peptic disease when used for prolonged periods. Therefore, your son is at risk for such complications if he continues to take ibuprofen regularly.

In my opinion, he would be better served by dealing directly with the stress in his life. As you know, the effects of stress vary. Some people thrive on it. Others develop physical symptoms and disorders from it. Your son would probably be helped by learning new methods of coping with stress, so that it can be put in a better perspective. For instance, once he realizes that he may have little or no control over the events in his life, he can accept the concept that his attitude toward those events — not the events themselves — is the important determinant of stress.

Here are two examples that illustrate my point:

George works at a high-powered job in which he competes actively with other salesmen in his office. Although his boss is demanding, he is not as demanding as George is of himself. George perceives any error of his as a confirmation that he is not a capable individual. He lives in constant fear that because he cannot control his clients, he will be demoted — or worse — fired. This fear causes George to have muscle pains, insomnia and a host of other symptoms that are related to anxiety. He appears chronically worried and insecure. His life is becoming unmanageable.

Larry works in the same office. He does the best he can and accepts the reality that he has no control over others. Thus, he anticipates mistakes as an inevitable consequence of the job. He is not afraid of failure, because he knows that he cannot succeed all the time. In contrast to George, Larry views himself as a winner: flawed but basically good at his job. He realizes that he has control over one person and one person only: himself. Therefore, rather than beating himself up periodically, he changes gears, keeps a positive attitude and carries out his responsibilities. For reasons that elude George, Larry seems to adapt to the work environment and is able to balance his failures and successes.

This is admittedly an oversimplification. But, as I've said, attitude is everything. Perhaps your son could reduce or eliminate his symptoms by a simple attitude adjustment; then, he wouldn't have to use ibuprofen as a crutch.

Stress counselling is available through many resources, including psychologists and social workers in your community. I believe that your son would profit from such counselling.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: During recent laparoscopic surgery for recurring abdominal pain, my gynecologist discovered (and removed) adhesions. What are these? Will they return?

DEAR READER: Adhesions are bands or sheets of spider-webby scar tissue that can form around abdominal organs as a result of surgery or infection. Although ordinarily harmless, adhesions can sometimes press on the bowel, leading to partial intestinal obstruction and pain.

No one knows why some people are prone to adhesions, while others are not.

Once removed, adhesions may not return — or they may, in people who tend to form them. If you are an adhesion-former, you may have difficulty in the future. Only time will tell. Since you have no control over the situation, I suggest that you don't worry about it. Heed your doctor's instructions with respect to appropriate follow-up examinations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have had headaches for 50 years. I could usually eliminate them by using Fiorinal with codeine. This strategy worked.

Now my family doctor has retired and, at 71, I have to see a new, younger doctor. He's all right, I guess, but he refuses to prescribe the Fiorinal. All the young doctors in my community are scared to death of codeine.

Presently, I have headaches every day. Sometimes I have to go to the emergency room at our local hospital, something I never had to do before. Is there any way I can get my medicine? Frankly, at my age, addiction is hardly a worry.

DEAR READER: I agree.

Idealistic young physicians are certainly more knowledgeable than we old, experienced practitioners are. But experience often counts, too.

If you have been prudent in your use of Fiorinal with codeine for 50 years, I see no reason to deprive you of an easy and safe solution for your occasional headaches. True, drug addiction is a national disgrace, but in your case, the addiction potential is low. I think that your new doctor is overreacting.

Surprising as it may sound, there are still responsible, older doctors in practice. Get to one. Such a professional can prescribe the medicine you need, monitor its use and solve your problem. You shouldn't have to suffer because of an inexperienced practitioner who will, as time progresses, realize that the judicious use of pain medication is part and parcel of good medical practice.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Headaches" and "Consumer Tips on Medicine." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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Defense experts: homeland defense plans not adequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Historically focused on major wars, the Pentagon should pay more attention to emerging threats such as hit-and-run biological attacks on American cities, a congressionally chartered panel has concluded.

Using the phrase "defense of the homeland" to capture its idea, the National Defense Panel will recommend to Defense Secretary William Cohen and Congress that a military geared toward planning for wars abroad look to what can be done about the risk of smaller assaults on America itself.

That mission is going to become more important as more nations hostile to U.S. interests acquire weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them, a panel member said Friday, speaking on condition he not be identified.

The panel's report, which has been in the works since Cohen appointed the members last February, will be made public on Monday. Cohen already has seen a final draft of the report, officials said.

Among the report's other conclusions:

—The Defense Department needs a "transformation strategy" for the 21st century — a blueprint for further adapting U.S. forces from the Cold War era to the security threats that are likely to face America and its allies 20 years from now.

—It should devote $5 billion to $10 billion a year to developing that strategy through experimentation, with new weapons and warfighting concepts. This would provide the nation with a "hedge" against unforeseen changes in global security.

—The Army National Guard's role should be refocused. One possibility would be to develop an expertise in responding to domestic crises such as limited attacks with chemical or biological weapons. This implies reducing the size of the Guard, a move favored by the Pentagon but strongly opposed by many in Congress.

—Cohen was right in calling earlier this month for two additional rounds of military base closings. But instead of making those closure decisions in 2001 and 2005, as recommended by Cohen, they should be accelerated. Also, the military services should find ways to share the use of bases.

—For the moment the Pentagon is right to structure its forces for the possibility of having to fight two major regional wars at the same time — most likely in the Persian Gulf and on the Korean peninsula. But the panel describes this as a "low-probability scenario" which soon will be outdated. Scrapping the two-war scenario would imply reducing the overall size of the U.S. military.

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TDPS recruit school seeking applicants

The Texas Department of Public Safety is seeking applicants for a recruit school scheduled to begin July 18, 1998. Persons who successfully complete the rigorous six-month recruit training academy in Austin will join one of the country's premier law enforcement agencies.

"We're encouraging all persons interested in a career with the DPS to go by their nearest DPS office and get a complete application package and a list of all the qualifications," said Lt. Curley Colquitt, who heads the DPS's recruitment effort.

"The DPS is very interested in attracting qualified female and minority applicants, since historically those groups have been under-represented in law enforcement," he said. "DPS offers a challenging and rewarding law enforcement career."

Graduates intitally are assigned to one of the Department's uniformed services — the Highway Patrol, License and Weight or Driver License services. After gaining experience, the trooper may apply for promotions within those or other areas of the DPS.

Applicants must be at least 20 years old on the date of probationary appointment to the position of trooper-trainee and be of good moral character and habits. Applicants must have at least 60 hours of college (prior law enforcement or military experience may be substituted for some or all college requirements). A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUID, or felony automatically will disqualify applicants. Both oral and written statements given during the application process will be verified for accuracy.

Those selected for the recruit school will be required to successfully complete psychological testing, physical examinations, drug screening and additional physical demands. Character, habits, previous employment and other factors also will come under scrutiny.

The application deadline for Texas residents is Feb. 17; the deadline for out-of-state residents is Dec. 19,. For more information, contact your nearest DPS office.

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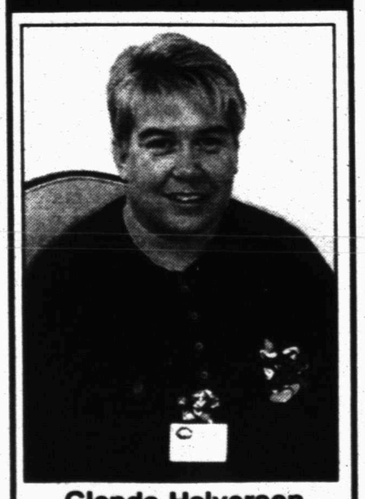

Glenda Halverson
Assistant Director of Nurses
Glenda has been employed by Snyder Healthcare for the past four years. She graduated LVN school at WTC. She and her husband Jim have two children, Joshua and Jennifer. Glenda enjoys sewing and collecting movies. She says of her work, "I love working with the elderly and the staff members are like an extended family."
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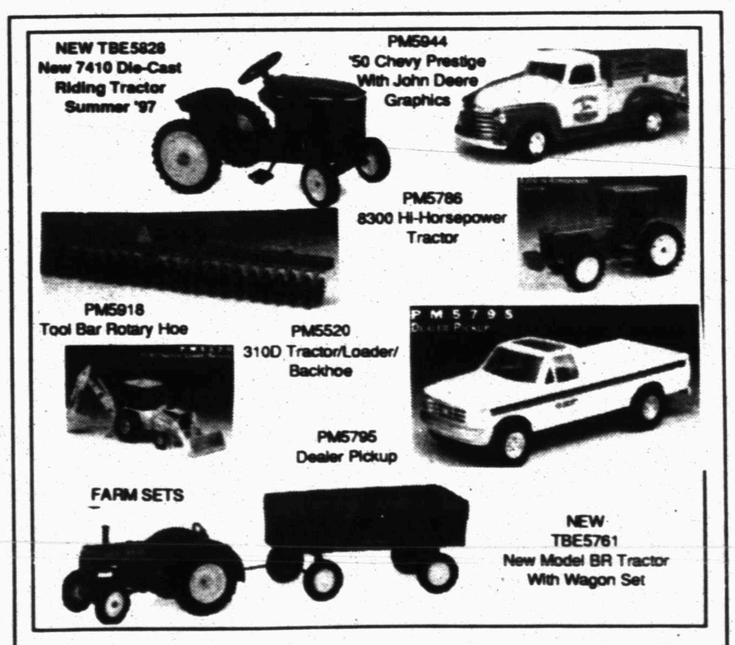

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Saddam praises Russia...

Iraq: U-2 plane violated Iraqi airspace

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President Saddam Hussein praised Russia Saturday for its role in ending a three-week standoff with the United Nations over weapons inspections.

"The world needs a stronger and more active Russia to accomplish the international balance which the people of the world are seeking," the official Iraqi News Agency quoted Saddam as telling Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov.

"Iraq will cooperate with Russia in a faithful and serious way to bring success to this initiative," Saddam said.

Russia brokered an agreement under which Iraq agreed to the return of U.N. inspectors in exchange for Russia's pushing for the lifting of U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. Seventy-five inspectors — including four Americans — returned to Iraq on Nov. 21.

Meanwhile, INA said an American U-2 spy plane violated Iraqi airspace Saturday. "Iraq's systems and defense units monitored the plane from the moment it entered until it left," INA quoted an unidentified government spokesman as saying.

Calling it a "cursed" action, the agency said the plane entered Iraqi airspace at 9:20 a.m. (1:20 a.m. EST) from Saudi Arabia, flew over the Qirbala province in central Iraq and then headed north to Al-Tuz and Irbil.

Although Iraq repeatedly has threatened to shoot down U-2 surveillance flights, its forces have not yet fired at any plane.

INA also said U.N. inspectors visited 20 weapons sites Saturday, including eight that were not under the surveillance of U.N. camera monitors.

Iraq said Friday that the inspectors had visited 96 sites since resuming work Nov. 22 and had found nothing illegal.

But the inspectors have not tried to enter about 60 sensitive sites, including about 40 presidential palaces, from which Iraq has barred them.

Meanwhile, an American charity group urged the U.S. government Saturday to put an end to the suffering of the Iraqi people by lifting the nearly 7-year-old U.N. sanctions.

"Please let the government of Iraq feed its people," Bert Sacks, of Voices in the Wilderness, told a news conference in Baghdad.

Sacks, a 55-year-old engineer from Seattle, told The Associated Press earlier that his group, founded in January 1996 and based in Chicago, was a civil disobedience group "that is violating sanctions to bring medicine" to the Iraqi people.

He and three other members arrived in Baghdad 10 days ago with eight large U.S. mail bags that they said contained $40,000 worth of medicine - "which would last a half-hour in Iraq," Sacks said.

"What we brought is a drop in a bucket. ...The aim is to publicize that we are violating the sanctions. We think they are wrong and immoral. You can't use the lives of thousands of people to coerce or intimidate a government. Every day, several hundred children die in order to pressure Iraq," Sacks said.

Candidates campaign here

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John Williamson, a Democrat.

Other offices on the ballot include those of State Senator and State Representative.

District 30 State Sen. Tom Haywood, a Republican from Wichita Falls, is the only announced candidate.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat from Knox City, is seeking re-election and he will be opposed by Republican Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring. Counts narrowly defeated McLaughlin two years ago.

Other races of interest will be for governor where Republican George W. Bush will again seek his party's nomination. Land Commissioner Garry Mauro has indicated he will seek the Democratic nomination.

State Comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, is running for Lt. Governor and Republican Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, will seek the GOP nomination for Lt. Governor. A host of candidates are already indicating an interest to fill those vacated offices. Also Attorney Dan Morales, a Democrat, is also up for re-election.

Filing runs through Jan. 2. Anyone interested in filing should contact the county chairman. Drew Bullard is the Republican Party chairman; Billy Haynes is the Democratic Party chairman.

The election is March 10. Early voting will be held from Feb. 23 through March 6.

Obituaries

Mr. Hernandez

1959-1997

Funeral service for Tomas G. Hernandez, 38, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Leandro Gonzales, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista Church, will officiate.

Prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Hernandez, a resident of Snyder since 1961, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born Oct. 1, 1959 in San Antonio, he married Dora McGraw in Snyder. Until his health failed, he had worked as a mechanic for Nix's Automotive. He was an active member of Primera Iglesia Bautista Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Hernandez of Snyder; five daughters, Tonya Hernandez and Kim McGraw of Snyder; Judy Sanchez of San Antonio, Sara Hernandez and Sherry Hernandez, both of Roscoe; three sons, Kevin Alejandro of Austin, Tom Sanchez of Grand Prairie and Daniel Hernandez of Colorado City; five sisters, Dominga Sosa, Margaret Molina and Becky Jasso, all of Snyder, and Leonora Hernandez and Lillian Hernandez, both of Abilene; four brothers, Steve Hernandez, Joe Hernandez and Phillip Hernandez, all of Snyder; and Juan Hernandez of Aledo; and three grandchildren.

Travis Sawyer

1939-1997

Travis Wesley Sawyer, a native of Snyder, died at 7:07 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services for Mr. Sawyer, 58, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 14, 1939 in Snyder, Mr. Sawyer was a rancher longtime resident of Snyder. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Sawyer of Snyder; a daughter, Holly Joe Sawyer of Snyder; three sons, Tommy Sawyer and Clint Sawyer, both of Snyder, and Travis Sawyer Jr. of Beaumont; his father, Paul Sawyer of Snyder; three sisters, Janet Cates and Dorothy Faye Newton, both of Midland, and Kay Wardlow of Dimmitt; two brothers, Douglas Sawyer of Snyder and James Sawyer of Kerrville; and one granddaughter.

Ila Martin

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CRANE — Ila Martin, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, Nov. 28, in a San Angelo nursing home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Martin, 85, is set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Crane County Cemetery.

Born Sept. 25, 1912 in Scurry County, she married Vance Martin on Aug. 23, 1936 in Midland. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by a son, Philip Vance Martin.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mollie and Jerry Vernado of Carson City, Nev.; two brothers, Emmitt Johnson of San Mateo, Calif. and Oren B. Johnson of Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Julie and Gary Childs of San Angelo and Barry Kip Brunson of Del Rio; and a great-granddaughter, Katie Michelle Brunson of Lamesa.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fifth Sunday speaker

Robert Oglesby will be the Fifth Sunday Speaker at the 37th Street Church of Christ. He is pulpit minister of the 1,300-member Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson. His topic is "What The Church Must Do To Survive. Bible Study is at 9:30 a.m. and worship servcies are at 10:30 and 6 p.m.

Scurry Masonic Lodge to meet

The Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Christmas lights for sale

Hermleigh Class of 2000 has Christmas lights for sale, $8 a set, $10 installed. The class will also install your lights for $5 per 100 lights. Call 863-2720. Leave a message, if no answer. Lights will be installed beginning Monday.

LVN pre-entrance exam

Students wishing to enroll in the March class for licensed vocational nursing at Western Texas College must contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through Friday, and interviews may be scheduled through the first week in January.

Call the counseling office at 573-8511, ext. 313.

Bible study tapes on TV

Bible study video tapes run weekly on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "The Generation That Seeks a Miracle," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is asking the public to share their ornaments, cookie cutters, cookie jars and nativity scenes for display at the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School during the holidays. Call Jean Everett at 573-2763 or drop them by CountryPlace anytime or the Dodson House Monday after 9:30 a.m.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health of Post will hold a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Scurry County 4-H

Scurry County 4-H will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Chili-Frito Pie supper

First United Methodist Church youth will sponsor a Chili-Frito Pie Supper next Saturday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the church, 2700 College Ave. Cost is $4 per person. Cinnamon rolls will be served for dessert.

Poinsettia sale

Snyder High School choir members are taking orders for their poinsettia sale. The plants will arrive at the high school Monday and students will begin delivery. The plants come in three colors: white, red and red with white spots. They are $10 each, to be paid at the time of delivery.

Shelled pecan halves

Snyder High School Technology Student Association (TSA Club) is selling shelled pecan halves at $6 per pound. Contact a club member to purchase.

Tiger banners for sale

Snyder Girls Hoops Club is selling Tiger banners for $25. Call 573-1769 or 573-4283. They will deliver.

Driver's license office

The Texas Department of Public Safety driver's license office will be closed each Monday through Jan. 9.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Married For Life

Marriage Ministries International presents Married For Life, an outreach program, at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Union Community Center. Attendance at an Outreach Night is a prerequisite to participation in a Married for Life group. For more information, call 573-7471.

Christmas tour of homes

A holiday tour of homes will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. next Sunday. The event is hosted by Historic Scurry County Inc. and the Scurry County Historical Commission. Tickets for the tour are $10 and are available at Eddie's Pharmacy, Countryplace and Bar H Bar Family Outfitters.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

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(five, eleven, twelve, twenty-two, thirty-four)

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Rollin Swanson reopens WTC Planetarium

It was a special moment, one that Rollin Swanson, adjunct science professor at Western Texas College, won't soon forget.

When he first entered WTC's long defunct planetarium and saw a hole in the floor where the star projector had once stood, he didn't get discouraged; instead he got motivated and began a three-year quest to reopen the facility which had shown its last show 14 years ago.

The results of his efforts, combined with support and cooperation from college administrators, were showcased Nov. 20 with two showings of "A Christmas Story."

The first presentation was packed and the standing room only crowd enthusiastically applauded at the end. As they exited, they were greeted by a fairly long line of people already gathering for the next show.

Though a few things remain to be finished, Rollin said he decided to go ahead with "A Christmas Story" rather than wait until all of the work was complete.

Rollin has nicknamed the newly reopened facility "Snydermax," and it is impressive.

When he first assesed the facility, Rollin discovered that the college planetarium was in pretty good shape; good enough to present shows except for not having a star projector, an essential piece of equipment for planetariums.

The star projector has a star ball which is a mechanical ball with holes in it which can be moved up and down as needed. It's operational controls had been located where the computer is.

It had been placed in the center of the planetarium and extended eight feet below.

Some 12 years ago, the star projector had been sold because it was difficult to maintain and required technical expertise to operate it, which the college did not have.

However, the planetarium still had other things in its favor including, the all-important 10-meter dome and some 60 reclining chairs.

Rollin said the facility has two "great sound systems which can work together, separately or alternately thanks to a mixer, which allows him to adjust the sound as needed. The sound system is enhanced by four speakers, surrounding and from behind the dome.

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

The planetarium had three projectors which were fixed so that they could fade up and down, Rollin said. Lights can be controlled from dim to bright. He operates the lights and slide projector from the control center located in the back of the facility.

The shows' images are computer generated. Rollin built a special mirror that reflects the images onto the dome. College personnel built a protective cover for it.

For shows, Rollin borrows the computer projecter from the Fine Arts Department. It sets on the floor near the mirror.

Ongoing expenditures will be the computer programs necessary for presentations. He said they will buy basic programs and then tailor them as needed by adding other slides.

The planetarium already had a VCR, but a laser disc player was purchased that adds special effects to each presentation.

At this point, the facility can fill about one-third of the dome with stars. Eventually, Rollin said, they will be able to show a full sky dome. He noted that people won't be fully satisfied until the planetariun can offer that.

Since a new star projector costs around a half million dollars, Rollin said WTC won't be purchasing one, but within a few months, he is confident that they will be able to come up with an alternate type of full sky field.

He is currently exploring other options such as fish eye lenses for the projectors.

He also noted that the current trend in planetariums is getting away from star balls in favor of computers which can provide effects that the star projector cannot.

Rollin's planetarium quest began three years ago when he was asked to teach science at the college. At the time, he did not know where the science department was located or that it had a planetarium.

He consulted a map of WTC and soon found his way to the science building and planetarium. "I almost wept when I walked into the facility for the first time and saw that hole in the floor, (where the star projector was)" Rollin said. "It seemed such a waste to have such a lovely facility and not be able to use it as a planetarium."

He knew then that he wanted to get the facility reopened.

When approached, Harry Krenek, college president, was enthusiastic but advised Rollin of two things.

First, that the college didn't have any money in its budget for the planetarium and that the facility must remain a multi media room. For years, it has served as a lecture room complete with television and VCR.

Rollin decided he could live with those restrictions and set to work. First on the agenda was visiting planetariums in other cities such as Lubbock and San Antonio.

He noted that most planetariums have three projectors plus a special effects projector.

He then realized that the college had everything but the star projector. He obtained the names of various pieces of equipment, sought catalogs and got to work.

The planetarium had an extra room connected to it, but college personnel tore that out and fashioned a second entrance. Rollin said the front door will be locked once a show is underway because it will be safer than having people enter the darkened facility and not know where to sit.

Ideally, he said he would like the planetarium to show one public show each week and perhaps two shows for students on Fridays. But no definite schedule has been established. However, the next show will be the "Eyes of Hubbel."

During the past three years, Rollin has taught physics and physical science which includes astronomy.

Rollin has had a lifelong interest in science, astronomy and natural history. Some of his and his children's fondest memories

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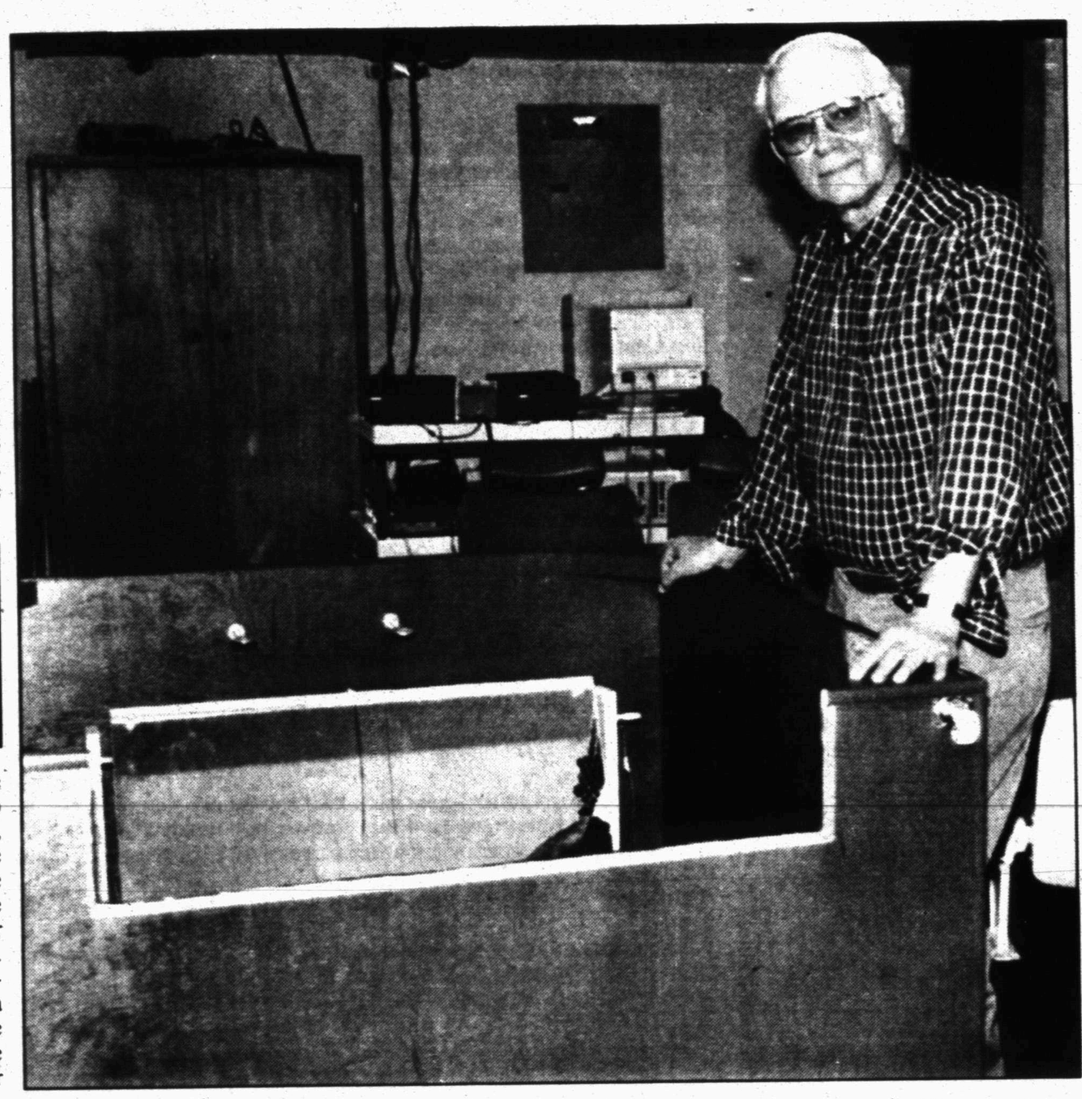

THE PLANETARIUM IS OPEN — Thanks to Rollin Swanson, the planetarium at Western Texas College has been reopened. He is standing beside the mirror, with protective cover, that reflects computer images on the dome. The laser disc player is inside the cabinet closet at left and the control center, complete with computer, is on the right. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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HERNANDEZ-PEREZ PLAN VOWS — Philip and Lena Hernandez of Snyder announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Amy Hernandez, to David Perez. He is the son of Joe and Pauline Perez of Snyder. The wedding ceremony is planned for 3 p.m. on Dec. 20 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

WILSON-GILSTRAP MARRIED — J. Ronnie Wilson and Tracie Gilstrap were married Nov. 21 in Lewisville. Wilson is employed with J.R. Sand and Gravel of Lewisville and Miss Gilstrap is employed with Baruch Properties of Plano. They reside in Flower Mound. Parents of the couple are J.T. Wilson of Flower Mound and Venona Gilstrap of Snyder, and the late Pat Gilstrap. (Contributed Photo)

SHS graduate inducted into society

Jiletta Kubena, 1995 Snyder High School graduate, was inducted into Sigma Phi Alpha the Criminal Justice National Honor Society at the University of North Texas on Sept. 12.

Kubena is majoring in administrative criminal justice with a concentration in victimology and a minor in psychology. She has also been named to the Dean's List for the 1997 spring semester with a cummulative 3.5 GPA.

Completing her internship with the Dallas County Juvenile Detention Center last spring, Kubena is currently involved in training with the Texas Sexual Assault Advocacy Team. After her completion of training, she will be placed on the team as a Rape Crisis Advocate.

This semester she is also completing an internship with the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Kubena, daughter of Randy and Gayle Kubena, is employed by Developmental Dance training in Carrollton.

Jiletta Kubena

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies' Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mother's Club; at 210 Skelly Lane in Sweetwater; 6 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

First Presbyterian Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; 11:30 Christmas Luncheon; MAWC; "Christmas Traditions and Flowers, " program by Sue Travis; hospitality committee hostesses.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

"Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women, Union Community Center; pot luck supper at 6 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667,

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

GLADSON'S 60th ANNIVERSARY — Willard and Flora Gladson of Snyder will be honored with a 60th anniversary reception by their children from 3 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 in the family life center of First Baptist Church. Gladson and Flora Holley were married on Dec. 18, 1937 in Snyder. Mrs. Gladson's birthday is Dec. 5. Their children and their spouses include George and Janis Page, Ronal and LaTrix Gladson, all of Snyder; Elvin and Judith Rousseau of Atlanta, Tex.; Royce and Dorothy Gladson of Odessa; Cecil and Gayna Cowan of San Marcos; and their foster son and wife, Doug and Terry Heaster of Amarillo. The Gladsons are longtime members of the First Baptist Church. They have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. (Current Photo by Harley Bynum)

Man tries to sell son

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — A man charged with trying to sell his 15-month-old son for a used car and cash said he was only trying to give the boy "a better life."

A man who had been the boy's foster father from the time he was five weeks old until last summer notified authorities that Kenneth Mark Vogelpohl, 37, had offered to trade the boy for cash and a car.

Vogelpohl had contacted Bill Gordon and his wife, who live in Hagerstown, on Nov. 16 and said he "would have to relocate and would need a car and $5,000," according to court documents.

Scurry County Library News & Views

BOOK FEATURE

"The Healing of America," by Marianne Williamson.

This is a time, according to Marianne Williamson, for Americans to return once again to our first principle — political and spiritual. Plans are drawn in this landmark work for the transformation of American political consciousness. Huge amounts of human suffering still plague large portions of the American population.

Broad-scale social dysfunction throughout America is met at present by political parties who simply build more prisons, more quickly, in response. This nation must become more seriously invested in all of its children and the potential brilliance of every American.

NEW NON- FICTION

"How to Buy an RV Without Getting Ripped Off."

"Worry: Controlling It and Using It Wisely," by Edward M. Hallowell.

"A Kind of Grace," by Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

"The Royals," by Kitty Kelley.

NEW FICTION

"Death of a Dentist," by M.C. Beaton.

"Running With the Demon," by Terry Brooks.

"Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned," by Walter Mosley.

"Holiday in Your Heart," by LeAnn Rimes.

"Propeller One-way Night Coach," by John Travolta.

LIBRARY HOURS

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10 a.m to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

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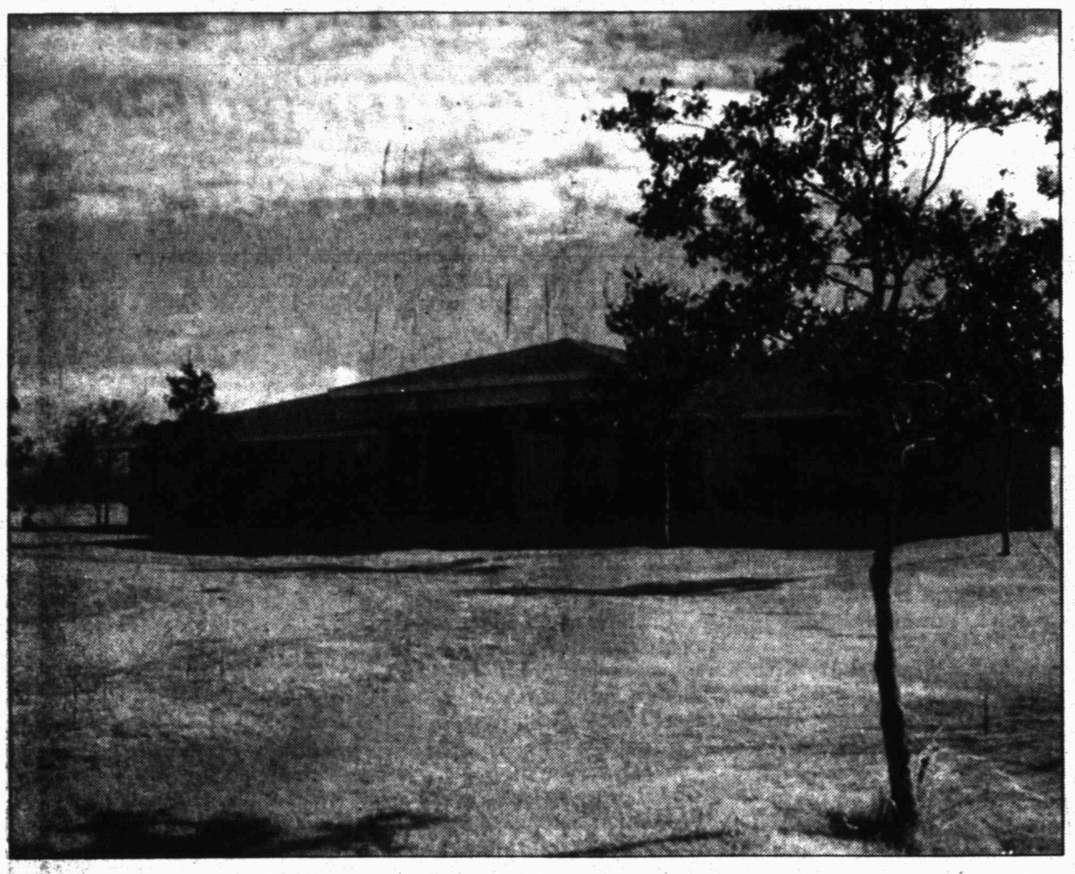

COUNTRY HOME ON TOUR — The country home of Keith and Jackie Hackfeld and their children, Brandon, Brady and Chelsea, will be in the Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by Historic Scurry County and the Scurry County Historical Commission, on Dec. 7. Contractor Ron Goebel of Colorado City built the home west of Snyder and they moved in in March of 1992. Since the children raise show animals and the family has cattle on 90 acres, country living is enjoyed by each one, and they also have Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters on College Avenue. Other homes included in the tour are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sentell, 2612 32nd; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bunch, 2711 Ave W; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Chandler, 2807 Ave. W. The Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott Schoolhouse will also have an open house where nativity and cookie jar collections will be viewed and refreshments will be served. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased at Eddie Peterson's Pharmacy, Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters and Countryplace. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♣ Q 10 6 3		♣ J 9 7 5 2	
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	♣ K 8 4		

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
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4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

A mirror image

Book two in the recommended Card Play Made Easy series by Australian Ron Klinger and Englishman Andrew Kambites is called "Know Your Suit Combinations" (Gollancz). Much information and many quizzes are packed into 96 small, widely spaced pages.

You learn not only how to play numerous suit combinations, but also how the bidding or full-deal considerations may modify your approach — as here.

West opens with a weak no-trump showing 12-14 high-card points. North's two-club overcall is the Landy convention, promising length in both majors. Against four hearts, West starts the defense with the diamond ace, the diamond king and a third diamond to his partner's queen, which you ruff.

Normally, you would plan to finesse the heart queen, which is the percentage play for no loser in the suit. However, here you know East cannot have king-doubleton because that would give West (the no-trump opener) a singleton. And if West has the heart king, you have three red-suit losers. To make the contract, you must find the spade queen. Yet, on the point-count, either opponent could have this key card. To avoid guessing, you should endplay West.

Play a club to dummy's ace, return to the heart ace (happy that East follows suit), cash the club king, discarding a spade from the dummy, and ruff your last club in the dummy. Finally, exit with a trump. West must return either a spade, finding the queen, or a minor, conceding a ruff-and-discard.

The book is $13.75 postpaid from The Bridge World, 717 White Plains Road, Suite 106, Scarsdale, NY 10583-5009.

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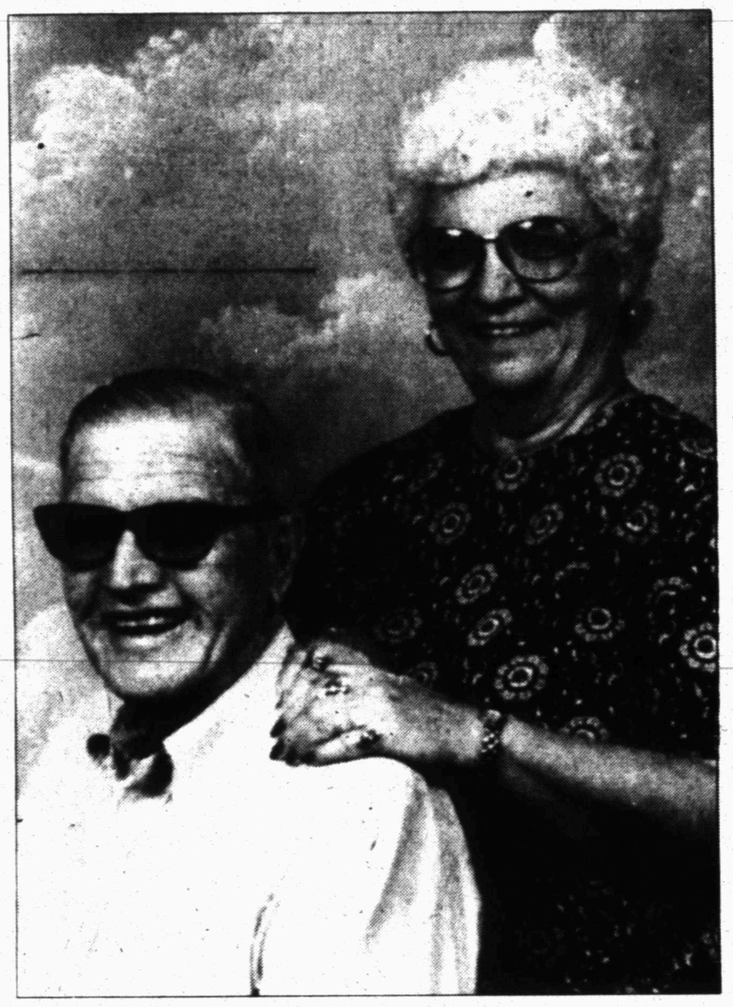

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Floyd (Bud) and Betty House of Snyder observed their 50th anniversary Wednesday. They were honorees at a dance with music by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys on Saturday, hosted by their children and grandchildren. Their children and their spouses include Gene and Diana House of Belen, N.M; Brenda Meurer of Snyder; Beverly and Mike Herring of Coahoma; and Sandy and Brad Hildreth of Grand Prairie. House, born on Nov. 26, 1922 in Ira, and Mrs. House, born on Sept. 29, 1928 in Clarksville, met in Ira and married in the Snyder First Methodist Church parsonage. House retired as production foreman for Newmont Oil Co. They are members of the Ira Baptist Church and have eight grandchildren. (Contributed Photo)

Holli Burns and Scottie Welch

January vows planned by couple

Holli Lynn Burns of Cisco and Scottie Denton Welch of Snyder are planning a 7 p.m., Jan. 3, 1998 wedding at First Baptist Church in Stanton. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dale and Linda Burns of Stanton. Parents of the future bridegroom are Jerry and Charlotte Welch of Tarzan.

Miss Burns is a 1996 graduate of Stanton High School and is currently attending Cisco Junior College. Her fiance is a 1994 graduate of Grady High School, attended CJC and is employed with the Scurry County Probation office.

Grandparents are the late Hubert and Nina Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hallmark of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin of Tarzan, Mr. L.V. Welch of Midland and the late Mary Frances Welch.

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Nov. 21

Jane Hinton directed six tables at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Ann Davis-Anita Talbott.
2. Charles Blakey-Julian Jones.
3. Billisue Stuard-Monte West.

SUNDAY
Nov. 23

Three tables directed by Hinton.

1. TIE: Dot Casey-Louise Thompson and Dora Blakey-Shirley Stewart.
2. Jane Hinton-Margaret Birdwell.

TUESDAY
Nov. 25

Three tables directed by Hinton.

1. Margaret Presswood-Billisue Stuard.
2. Dot Casey-Jane Hinton.
3. Tizzy Hall-Margaret Birdwell.

McIntire debues new recording at Cowboy game

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Two months before the real thing, the Dallas Cowboys and Reba McEntire brought a Super Bowl-like halftime show to the Cowboys' game against the Tennessee Oilers.

Ms. McEntire sang her new song "What If" as part of a benefit for The Salvation Army on Thursday. The song was being released as a single this week.

Ms. McEntire, MCA Records and songwriter Diane Warren have pledged their share of sales to The Salvation Army. Frito-Lay, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores helped sponsor The Salvation Army's first national "Kettle Kick-off" to open the charity's annual money raising drive at Christmas.

The year's first kettles appeared at Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. More than 20,000 Salvation Army kettles were to appear across the country today.

The late Alex Haley honored with statue

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alex Haley is being honored with a bronze statue in the city where he once lived.

Haley, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Roots" who died in 1992, was born in west Tennessee and later lived in Knoxville. The statue, which is 12 feet high and weighs 4,200 pounds, was put in Morningside Park on Wednesday.

"It is about honoring an average-looking man of color who is famous because of his writing, not because he is an athlete with a good physique," said Evon Easley Milton, a community activist who came up with the idea of a statue honoring Haley.

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MEPUS, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

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VT Inc. as Trustee World Omni Ltd., 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

James Dale Swigert and Rosa Berkley, both of Snyder.

Rene Garza and Shahala Carolyn Ford, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Xeric Oil and Gas Corp vs. Oilex Inc. and BT Energy, a partnership, suit on fraud.

Doyle Kellner and Cindy Kellner vs. Gladco Services Inc., suit for temporary injunction.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Robert Joseph Hand and Cynthia Ann Hand, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Corey Lex Jaramillo and Michaela Elisa Jaramillo, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Rodney Lynn Josey and Cynthia Jane Josey, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Tobye Jean Keeling and Christopher Lynn Keeling, divorce granted.

In the marriage of David Major Word and Debra Kay Word, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Jason R. and Sidney C. Johnston to Wesley Keith Evans, all of Lot 34 in Block E of the Highland Addition.

Ronnie and Etta Woodard to The Jerald and Ione C. Smith Family Trust, all of Lots 7 and 10 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Michael L. and Denise L. Squires to John and Barbara Stegall, one acre out of tract 50 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, Section 38, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Norman L. and E.A. Birdwell to Bob F. and Meta E. Head, tract one being 163.2 acres, being all of Tract 14 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, J.P. Smith survey No. 21; tract two being 5.6 acres and 158.3 acres, being all of Tract 15 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch lands out of J.P. Smith Surveys No. 19 and 20.

Terry L. Grimes to Susan Jane Grimes, all of Lots 1-2 and 7-9 of Block 31 of the W.L. Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

SaltFork Company Inc. to Anadarko Development Co., a 0.415-acre tract in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dorris Tull to Tull Family LP, Section 6 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jason E. Arnette to Woodard Leatherwood, the west 50 feet of Lot 1 and the east 50 feet of Lot 8, both in Block 11 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Marion Curtiss Magness to Jose R. and Lucia O. Moran, tract one being the east 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Cody Addition; tract two being the west 40 feet of the south one-half of Lot 4, Block 4 of the Cody Addition.

Scurry County, Trustee, to Arturo and Sementa Torres, the north 100 feet of Lots 1-3 in Block 32 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Key Commercial Investments Inc. to Dan Greer, the south 30 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3-16 in Block 4 of the Greenhill Addition.

Myrtle and B.R. Boatenhamer to Nova Bowen Henderson, an undivided one-fifth interest in 214 acres out of Section 231, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Lee Nell Holdren to Mark Lynn and Kathy Lynn Holdren, tract one being 25.63 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 2.94 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Zoo hopes gifted orangutan will be able ambassador

ATLANTA (AP) — Chantek, a giant ball of orange fur, puts a fist to his chin — sign language for orange.

"Give me the cup, Chantek. Then, I'll give you an orange," trainer Lyn Miles signs back, motioning to the plastic juice cup the 450-pound orangutan has nabbed from her. He repeats the sign for the orange, again without success, then turns away.

"That's the 'No way, lady,' response," said Carol Flammer of Zoo Atlanta.

Chantek is the zoo's latest and possibly most fascinating addition to its primate group. Raised like a human child, Chantek knows at least 150 words in American Sign Language.

Chantek isn't merely aping what he sees. Ms. Miles believes he understands and uses the language just as people do, a talent the zoo hopes to eventually share with the world.

"What is really spectacular is that Chantek is actually using the symbols he's learned as his language," she said. "He can talk about places he doesn't see. He can talk about things that aren't present. I can ask him to sign better and he will."

Zoo officials have big plans for Chantek. Director Terry Maple and Ms. Miles envision a $1 million amphitheater where children could interact and talk with Chantek through glass, but not in a way that would make him a performing seal.

"I truly think this will be the most exciting exhibit in the world," Ms. Miles said.

Chantek, who zoo officials say thinks like a 4-year-old human, is one of a handful of signing primates throughout the country. Washoe, the 32-year-old female chimp who is one of the most famous, lives in Washington. Koko, a signing gorilla, lives in California.

Chantek, who is nearing age 20, was born at the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center in Atlanta and was sent to live in a trailer with Ms. Miles at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for about nine years.

Ms. Miles, an anthropologist, raised Chantek as if he were her own child. She fed him at 4 a.m. and even toilet trained him. As he grew up, Chantek learned to clean his room and was given an allowance, which he spent for treats such as car rides and trips to fast-food joints.

Chantek proved a quick learner. He memorized the way to McDonald's, made shadow puppets on the wall, threw tantrums and even told about three lies a week, she said.

"He'd tell me he had to go to the bathroom and then go in there just to play with the knobs on the toilet," Ms. Miles said.

Chantek came back to Yerkes in 1986 and Ms. Miles followed, continuing her research until 1989. Yerkes gave him to the zoo last month.

Attic reveals Clara Barton's missing records of soldiers

WASHINGTON (AP) — She is best known for ministering to wounded Civil War soldiers on bloody battlefields and for establishing the American arm of an international relief organization.

But the legendary war nurse Clara Barton also was the first woman to head a government bureau, assuming the task of locating missing soldiers from the North-South conflict and contacting their families. Federal historians, with the surprise discovery recently of records in a government attic, now have documented some of her efforts from 1865 to 1868.

"When the battle was over, she needed something to do," Gary Scott, National Park Service regional historian, said Thursday. "She would compile missing soldiers' lists and send them to post offices across the country to try to locate the soldiers."

Scott uncovered one of the lists during the past few weeks while going through boxes of documents in the attic of a building about to be demolished.

The building, about halfway between the White House and the Capitol, once housed Barton's Missing Persons Office. A worker for a contractor alerted the Park Service to the attic treasures before the building owned by the government's General Services Administration was taken down.

The discovery of a sign from Barton's office first linked the documents to her operation.

"It was quite remarkable to us that this stuff came from the Civil War," Scott said.

Government records, Civil War-era newspapers, leftover wallpaper remnants and even 19th-century clothes, from embroidered slippers to a frock coat, which "looked like something Abraham Lincoln would have worn," were among the items stowed in a sealed off crawl space, Scott said. Some of the attic artifacts indicated the office may have been used as a residence, according to Scott, who believes Barton may have lived in the building.

The unexpected find of the documents that languished for more than a century highlights a lesser known period of Barton's life and of post-Civil War efforts to heal the nation.

Born in North Oxford, Mass., in 1821, Barton was a teacher and government worker before tending to wounded soldiers.

She got into the missing soldiers business when a prisoner of war brought her a list of dead soldiers from the legendary Andersonville Confederate prison camp in Georgia. Nearly 13,000 of 45,000 confined Union soldiers died from disease, filth, starvation and exposure there.

Thanks to her work, Barton was able to return to Andersonville and mark the graves of thousands of soldiers. She later published a list of their names.

"Once people realized she had found dead soldiers, she started receiving thousands of letters from mothers and daughters," Scott said, adding, "Occasionally she would find people who didn't want to be found."

Man convicted of manslaughter 50 years ago pardoned

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — More than 50 years have passed since a sailor from Oklahoma was killed in a shipboard fight following a scuffle in a small Alaska town. In all those years, James Willis always said he stabbed the man in self defense.

Willis' quest to clear his name finally ended Wednesday, when Gov. Tony Knowles pardoned him for the stabbing that took place during what witnesses said was a racially motivated attack at the end of World War II.

"Many people have waited for this day. Nobody has waited longer than James Franklin Willis," Knowles said.

Willis, now 72 and living in New York City, cried tears of joy as Knowles signed the pardon at a ceremony in Juneau, nearly 3,000 miles away.

"It's enough to break any man, but he kept fighting," Willis' son James said after the pardon was signed. The elder Willis is now nearly deaf, suffering from colon cancer and is losing his eyesight. His son, James, listened to the ceremony by phone and relayed the details to his father.

"The wait was definitely worth it. Thanksgiving will be a real memorable one," James Willis Jr. said.

James Willis' problems began in late October 1945 while he was serving as a Coast Guard engineer aboard the USS Sellstrom. The vessel docked at the southeast Alaska town of Wrangell for celebrations to mark the end of World War II, and Willis visited a dance hall packed with sailors on shore leave.

Several sailors took offense when Willis, who is black, danced with a woman who was either white or an American Indian and a scuffle ensued, witnesses said. Willis made it back to his ship, but the sailors came looking for him.

According to witnesses, Leonard Supernaw, a sailor from Oklahoma, threatened Willis, chased him through the Sellstrom and beat him.

"Supernaw was pounding Willis with his fists and was savagely beating him. Willis was no match for Supernaw. I feared for Willis' life," said Norman Smook of Wantagh, N.Y., who witnessed the attack. Smook's sworn statements would eventually help win Willis' pardon.

Willis managed to break away from Supernaw long enough to retrieve a knife from his locker. When Supernaw grabbed him, Willis reached behind the man and stabbed him in the back. Supernaw died a few minutes later.

Witnesses said a near-riot broke out on the ship and Willis was badly beaten. He and the ship's three other black crewmen were held at a jail for their safety while order was restored.

He was later indicted on a charge of second-degree murder for Supernaw's death. While in jail awaiting trial, he developed a spinal infection stemming from the injuries he suffered during the beating. Antibiotics used to treat him damaged his hearing.

Planetarium

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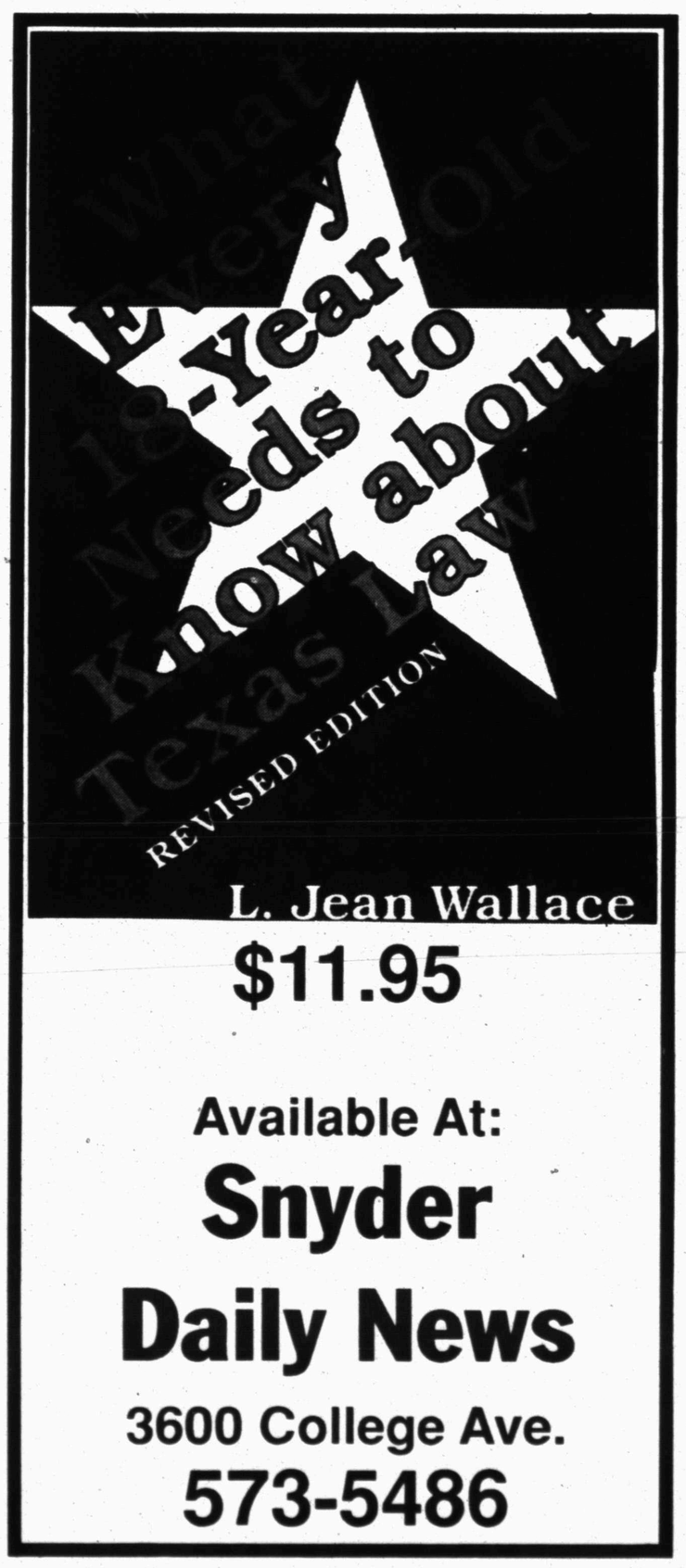
are of going out in the yard, sitting in the swings and looking at the night sky together.

He has several degrees including an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, graduate degrees in physics and engineering and a doctorate in engineering.

He has also taught science classes for Ford Motor Co. and National Semi Conductor. He also worked for the CIA and Lockheed.

Rollin is active in the Rotary Club, United Way and Children's Trust Fund.

He is married to Nan Swanson who is the pastor of the First Presybterian Church.



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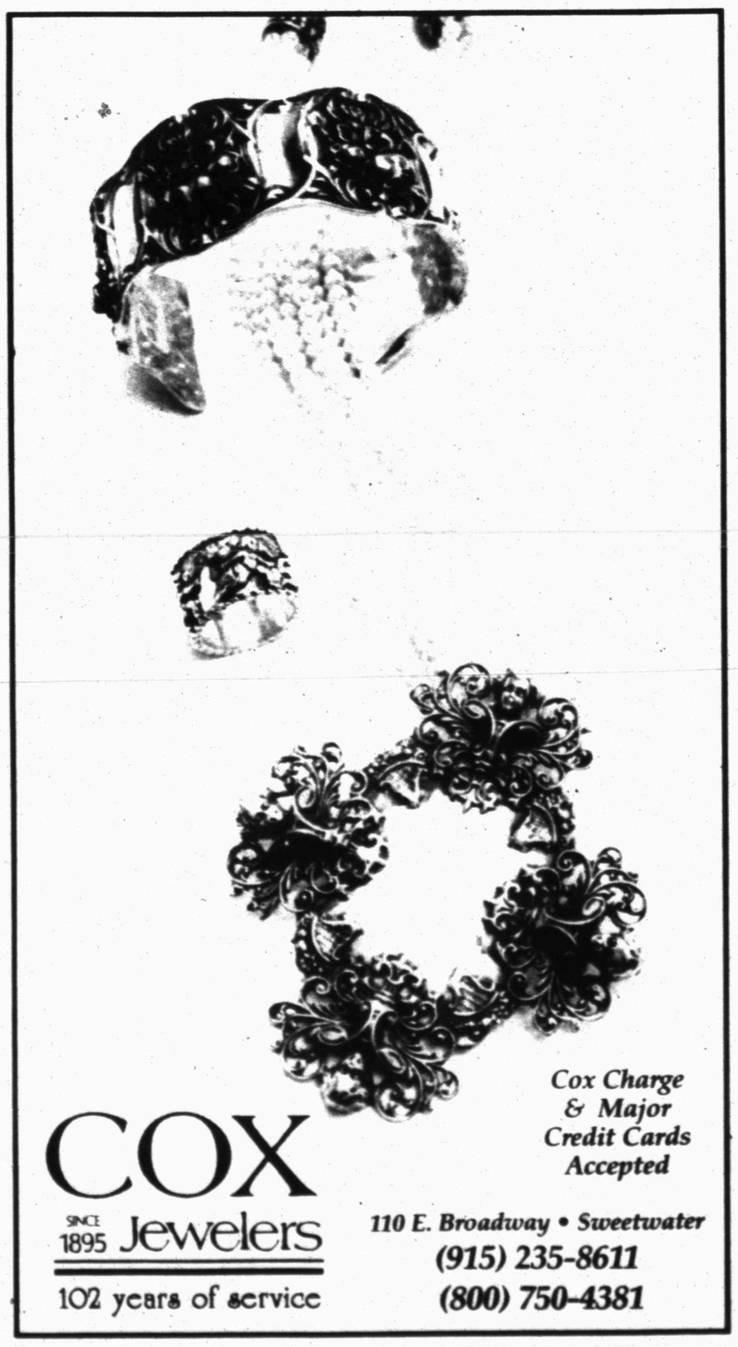

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Hank the Cowdog: No dance for the cowboy

(Editor's Note: "Hank the Cowdog" by John R. Erickson is being serialized in the Sunday editions of Snyder Daily News. "Hank the Cowdog" books and audio tapes are on sale at the SDN.)

Hey, let's get something straight right now. Just because a dog snaps at ashes, that doesn't mean...

One of the very most important

Third of 12 chapters

functions of a Head of Ranch Security is research and development. Your R & D work (that's what we call it, R & D) your R & D work is terribly important to the overall security program of the ranch, don't you see.

We must constantly test new procedures and techniques, otherwise we would never know that some are better than others. All the great minds of science have taken the risk of testing new ideas.

Today, we remember only their successes. We forget that they had the courage to test bold concepts that others thought ridiculous—and that they were laughed at and ridiculed.

Loper had a blue coffee mug hooked in the finger of his right hand. Written on the side of it—the mug, not the finger or the hand—written on the side of the mug were the words, "Team Roping: America's Favorite Way of Going Broke."

And he was pointing at me. "What do you reckon goes through a dog's mind that makes him want to chase ashes?"

"Mind? I wouldn't bet that Hank even has one. I think he was brain-dead at birth."

Very funny.

Certain people will laugh at daring ventures, and the bigger the laugh the smaller the mind.

Yes, Slim and Loper laughed at my latest experiment into Cinder Flotation and Airborne Ash Interception procedures, but that was a tiny price to pay for the...

Boy, those ashes really left a lousy taste in my mouth. I couldn't get rid of it. I licked and spitted...spat...spot... sput..and pawed my tongue, and by George, the terrible taste remained. And of course the Small Minds loved it.

That was okay. I didn't need their approval. Their hooting and laughing didn't bother me at all, and Drover would pay for luring me into this.

And don't forget that one of the Happy Cowboys had just blown up the garbage barrel, caught his hair on fire, and had come close to torching the entire ranch.

With that, I will rest my case.

Loper turned to Slim and studied his burned hair and whiskers. "Your hair got burned."

"I noticed."

"You look pretty silly."

Slim dug into his jeans pocket and pulled out a quarter. "Here. Go call someone who cares that I look silly, 'cause I sure don't."

Loper took a sip of coffee. "You should. You're going to a dance tonight." "I can't come."

"Give me one good reason why you can't come."

Slim hitched up his jeans and glared at Loper. "No, I'll give you five reasons. First off, I can't dance. Second, I don't want to learn. Third, I don't have a date. Fourth, I couldn't get a date even if I wanted one, which I don't. And fifth, I just had a grass fire in my hair and I look goofy."

Loper took another sip of coffee. "I heard a rumor that Viola wants to come but doesn't have a date."

"I'm sorry to hear that. She's a fine lady."

"She could teach you the Two Step."

"No thanks."

"Sally May could trim up your hair."

"No woman has ever cut my hair and no woman is fixing to start. They don't know how to cut men's hair."

Loper rolled his eyes. "Who do you think cuts mine?"

"I thought you just stuck your head into the lawn mower. That's what it looks like half the time."

"Well, I don't know why I'm arguing. I don't care if you come to the dance or not."

"Good."

"We'll have twice as much fun without you."

"Good."

"You can just stay home with the dogs."

"Fine. Old Hank don't care what my hair looks like, do you Hankie?" He shifted his gaze to me. I, uh, lowered my head and turned away. "Dumb dog."

Loper burst out laughing and started back to the house. "See? Nobody wants to be around a crabby, gripey, ill-tempered old bachelor cowboy, and that goes double for me."

"Fine."

"I hope you're miserable all night."

"I'll be asleep, and I'll enjoy every minute of it."

Loper went into the house, muttering under his breath.

That left me and Slim. I turned my back on him and refused to look him in the eye: He noticed.

"Well, what's wrong with you?"

Nothing, nothing at all. I would get over it.

"Is it my hair?"

No. His hair meant nothing to me. It was just that...okay, maybe I was disappointed that he was passing up a chance to bring Miss Viola up to our ranch for the dance.

See, I'd been sweet on Miss Viola for a long time. Remember the Halloween night when Slim asked her over to his place for supper? We got along great that evening.

She liked dogs, and she especially liked ME. I won't say that we were exactly sweethearts—me being a dog and all—but by George, any cowboy who'd pass up a chance to take that fine lady to a dance was nuts.

And he didn't deserve to have a loyal dog as a friend.

I tried to communicate all these thoughts and feelings through slow wags of the tail and wounded looks. I don't think Slim got the drift.

He was such a brick-head.

"Well," he said at last, "I've done my duty as trashman. I'm going down to my place to fix what's left of my hair. You want to go?"

No.

"You can stay the night."

Not interested.

"You can sleep inside."

A ranch dog had no business...actually, that sounded pretty good, but I was still too angry and...

"Seems to me I've got an extra can of sardines that I've been saving for a doggie friend. What do you think?"

Sardines? Ha! No way. They gave me indigestion... although they sure tasted good, and it had been months since I'd had a whole can of...

Okay, what the heck. He needed a friend.

Courts try to limit news interviews of former jurors

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some judges think jurors need protection from journalists and are willing to squelch free-speech rights to provide it. Will justice be helped or harmed?

Post-verdict interviews are commonplace — jurors who served in such high-profile cases as the O.J. Simpson, Timothy McVeigh and "Boston nanny" Louise Woodward trials gained fleeting fame by recounting how they made their decisions.

But a corresponding judicial trend now is taking hold — banning such news media efforts.

"In the name of juror privacy, some courts are becoming overprotective," said Jane Kirtley of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "They tend to discount the fact that some jurors might want to talk to the news media."

She believes some public accounts of jury deliberations appalled some judges and sparked concern about protecting the justice system's image. "Some judges are hunkering down," she said.

A case in point is being litigated in Louisiana. Journalists have been barred from interviewing people who served as jurors in the federal corruption trial of two former state senators.

In issuing her order last month, U.S. District Judge Sarah Vance said deliberations of future juries could be stifled if jurors knew they might be questioned later.

Her order apparently leaves ex-jurors free to talk about any aspect of their jury duty as long as they do not do so in news media interviews.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judge's order, but two newspapers — The Times-Picayune of New Orleans and The Advocate of Baton Rouge — are asking the full 5th Circuit court to study the case.

"We think hearing ordinary people talk about how this process works will be either reassuring or educational about what needs to be changed," said Jack Weiss, a lawyer for the two newspapers. "These interviews lead to a better understanding and enhanced public acceptance of controversial verdicts and the operation of our judicial system generally."

His appeal to the full appeals court calls Judge Vance's order "a direct prior restraint on press speech" in violation of the Constitution's First Amendment.

The appeal argues that the order conflicts with a 1982 ruling in which the 5th Circuit court said restrictions on post-verdict juror interviews are justified only to prevent a substantial threat to the justice system.

Weiss contends that interviews are a form of speech, and stays away from portraying the dispute as one of news media "access" to former jurors.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Richard Carelli covers the Supreme Court and legal affairs for The Associated Press.

Former drill sergeant is found guilty

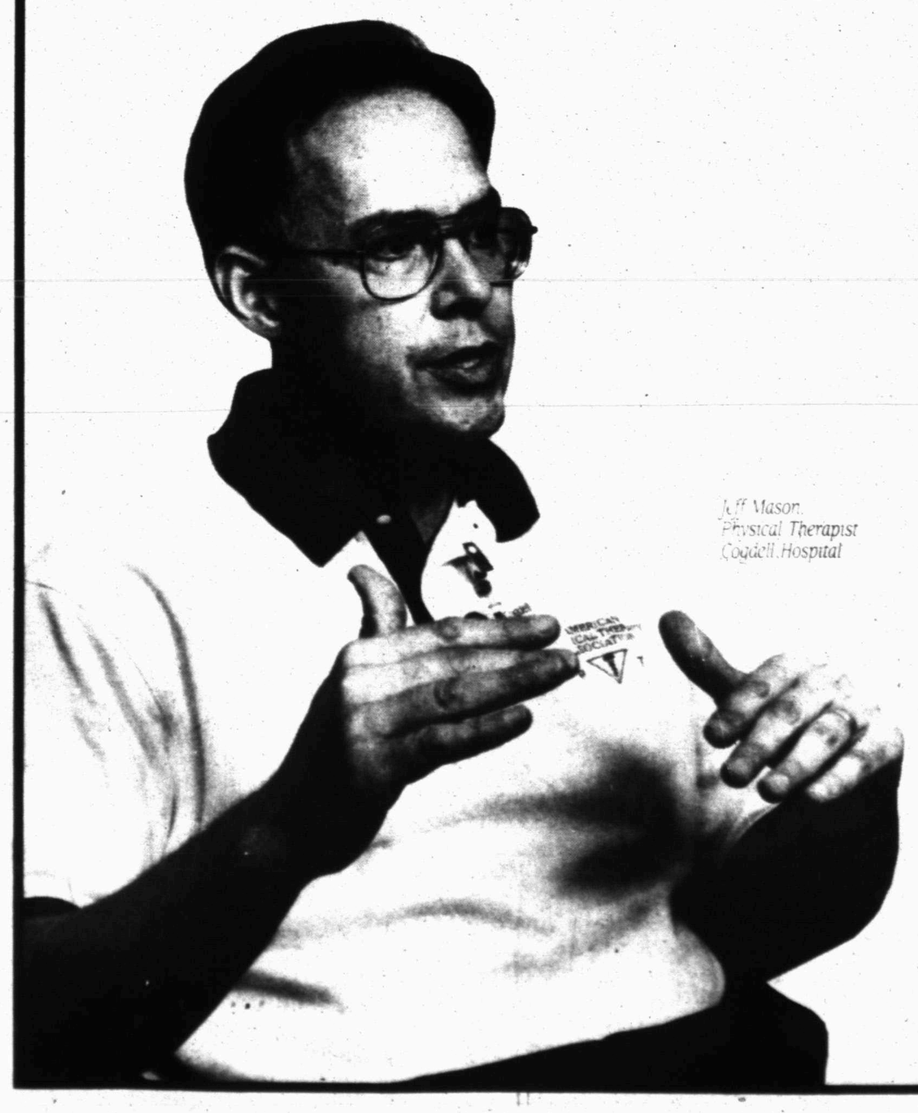
COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A former Fort Jackson drill sergeant was sentenced to eight years in prison Thursday after being convicted of sexual misconduct with female trainees.

Staff Sgt. Robert McLean was acquitted on the most serious charge of rape, but he was convicted on seven other counts and given a bad conduct discharge. His rank was reduced to private and he must forfeit all pay.

McLean, 34, of Maxton, N.C., could have received life in prison if convicted on all counts.

The six-member jury heard two days of testimony and received the case Wednesday night. Proceedings did not finish until about 4 a.m. Thursday.

Five women accused McLean of misconduct in March and April.



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EDITORIAL COMMENT

School finance solutions

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Having surrendered the courage to address fundamental state tax reform, the Legislature during the last session instead dispensed $1 billion to local districts from the state budget surplus, ostensibly to lower local school property taxes by increasing the homestead exemption for homeowners.

We joined many local school officials then in cautioning that the shortsighted gesture was almost certain to result in local tax increases. It has, in 22 of the state's 35 largest districts...

Gov. George W. Bush began the session with a proposal to revamp the state tax code, but the Legislature refused to cooperate. Bush then settled for the divvying up of the surplus, which voters approved in August, but he warned local districts not to use the increased exemption as a justification for increasing taxes.

School officials, who knew they would have to live with the consequences, argued strenuously during legislative debate that the plan failed to take into account the needs of growing districts. Besides, drawing down a temporary surplus in a one-time distribution would jeopardize the local districts' financial needs in the future. The exemption is constitutionally permanent, but the state budget could be straining to make ends meet in two years.

Public school finance is far too important for lawmakers to be ducking and dodging behind quick-fix political expedients. The Legislature has no choice now but to return to the drawing board and fashion a comprehensive revision of the tax code that is more substantial than a cheap box of rumpled bandages.

Legislation by the courts

The Brazosport Facts

A recent ruling by a state appeals court establishes a muddy precedent and surely creates a forum for much debate and many legal challenges. The 13th Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi upheld the conviction of a man responsible for an automobile accident that resulted in the death of a child still in the womb at the time of the wreck.

The ruling tiptoes into controversial territory as it seems to amend the current statutory definition of when a fetus becomes a human being. Furthermore, the appellate court decision comes dangerously close to legislating from the bench....

The sticking point comes in a jurisdictional disagreement between the Texas Penal Code and civil statutes. Current statutory language in the penal code specifically limits penalties to conduct committed against a human being who has been born and is alive, while civil law recognizes the rights of a child who suffers some injury in the womb and is later born alive to be compensated for those prenatal injuries.

As arbiters in this criminal case, the appeals court judges should have based their ruling on what is allowable under penal law, without regard to possible contradictions or discrepancies on the civil books.

With this decision, although well-intended to punish a drunk driver who caused a death, the appeals court has inappropriately entered an area clearly limited to the legislative branch of government.

Admission of sham classes

The Houston Chronicle

A senior University of Houston official admits that for years the university billed taxpayers and charged students for sham or nonexistent graduate courses. That admission is deeply disturbing, diminishes the university's honor and casts into doubt the integrity of every dean and tenured faculty member.

(Recently) ... three UH graduate students have come forward with the charge that, after all the warning from state officials and a private accreditation board, the shameful practice of charging students for courses which provide little or no educational benefit continues. Unless these doctoral candidates are lying or hideously confused, the deans and department chairmen who preside over these nonproductive courses should be made to answer for them and severely punished if found culpable...

Apologists for the dummy classes say they were necessary to ease the class load on graduate students who also taught classes. But why didn't all the doctors of philosophy who infest the UH campus have the wit to simply reduce the course requirements instead of resorting to a strategem? If state requirements are unreasonable, then the Legislature should be petitioned to change them.

By requiring graduate students to pay for sham classes, UH did treble damage: It took the students' money and gave them little or nothing in return. It defrauded the taxpayers of their contribution. And it taught the students dishonesty through example...

Food stamp fraud

The Valley Morning Star

Owners and employees from nine Hidalgo County markets were charged Nov. 12 with food stamp fraud for allegedly offering furniture, appliances and cash in return for food stamp benefits. A U.S. Department of Agriculture official connected with the investigation described the sweep by undercover officers as part of the federal government's zero-tolerance policy for food stamp fraud. ...

But there is cause to withhold judgment in these cases ... All 14 individuals arrested pleaded not guilty to the charges, and an attorney for one defendant gave hints of a possible defense: entrapment.

Ricardo Salinas, a Mission attorney, questioned whether the government had probable cause to investigate the nine businesses.

"You have to understand, these are mom-and-pop stores. (The owners) are fighting for their lives to make some money. If an undercover agent comes in to offer this sort of deal, it can sometimes sound too good to pass up," Salinas said.

This may be more than a defense attorney's mere attempt to wiggle his client free. Government agencies have grown increasingly aggressive in their efforts to entice individuals into breaking the law. Entrapment has been a particularly favored method in making drug and prostitution arrests. ...

If investigators lacked probable cause to investigate the stores, we face the prospect of a government that will try to lure us into criminality and the knowledge that we have little legal recourse against such contemptible tactics other than a jury that is sympathetic to our right to be left alone. ...

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The week of November 10-16, 1997, I had the honor of being a chaperon to 35 SHS students and Mr. David Frazier on a school bus to attend the 70th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Three other students who were participants in the band and choir were already there and Mr. Bob Hand came up later.

I want Mr. Lomax, (Supt. Gayle Lomax) the school board members, SHS administrators and people of Snyder to know this was the most professional and well behaved group of students and advisors I saw and talked to while in Kansas City.

I saw advisors there from other states who had too much to drink, used foul language, and acted with such jealousy I could not believe they were teachers. It amazed me that out of 45,000 people in attendance, advisors from states as far away as Washington actually knew Frazier and Hand and knew their students would be tough competition.

Both Frazier and Hand were very impressive in handling the pressure of contests, the students (and their many daily problems) and Mr. Frazier's ability to drive the bus and drill students at the same time. Both Frazier and Hand have the quality to relate to the kids, but still retain the ability to have their respect and admiration.

I feel if it weren't for Mr. Frazier's and Mr. Hand's hard work and dedication, Snyder wouldn't have brought back three National Championships, a 4th place in Creed Speaking, and a runnerup in the H.O. Sargent Award (this is the first time a Texan has been one of the top four finalist for this award). Snyder is lucky to have two such teachers in its system.

I want to thank Mr. Frazier for allowing me to accompany him and the students. Any parent who never experiences such a trip is really missing a part of their child's life. Parents, if your child ever has the opportunity to compete in front of the 45,000 plus people at a National FFA Convention, and you don't attend, you are missing one of the most heart-warming experiences you could ever witness.

I also want to thank the students as they were more than polite and respectable to me at all times. Some of them took it upon themselves to carry my luggage to my room (unasked), insisted I board and exit the bus before them and never quesitoned any instructions I gave them. These students know who they are and by now their parents also know because I have made a special effort to let them know how respectable I was treated by their child.

I am proud to say my children are active members in the Snyder FFA and have the opportunity to have David Frazier and Bob Hand as instructors and friends.

Lanette Callaway
Snyder

Autumn in East Texas

Deanie Francis Mills

My daughter and I took a road trip this weekend, some 400-plus miles to Nacogdoches in the deep east piney woods of Texas, so that we could take in a Stephen F. Austin State University Theatre Department production of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, "King Lear." At least, that was the surface reason for going, but by the time the weekend was over, the trip had become so much more.

Jessica had been excited about the trip for months, because a gaggle of her friends from the SFA Summer Theatre Workshop were going to be driving down for the play as well, and there had been a flurry of e-mails and phone calls for weeks while they finalized the details of their reunion. I confess, however, that I was secretly hoping we wouldn't have to make the trip. Though it is my alma mater and I love to visit, the drive is more than seven hours. Also, my son was making one of his rare trips home for the weekend, and I was going to miss it ... again ... while knowing he would not be able to be home Thanksgiving. And I was funky and blue following the death of a close friend. Mainly, I just wanted to hide from the world and lick my wounds, so I watched the weather and privately hoped for a freak fall blizzard.

But the weather was perfect and my daughter's spirits were soaring, so I packed my bags and kept my mouth shut. After all, next year she will be a student at SFA and we won't have any chances to travel together, or at least, very few.

Darkness comes early in East Texas, so we drove into the city by night. I'd let Jessi do most of the driving so that she would not be so intimidated by that busy stretch around the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, so I wasn't as tired as usual. We'd talked most of the way about many things, about love and life and old endings and new beginnings, and I marveled again at how we have become friends as she's reached young adulthood — the miracle of it, and the joy.

The next morning was splendid. "It's autumn in East Texas," I told her, "and I don't want to waste a moment." We had plenty of time before the play that evening, so we had breakfast and then headed into the hills to visit nearby Lake Nacogdoches. The weather was perfect, the sky blue as a dewdrop. All along the winding, hilly two-laned highway, the trees were dressed in their full fall regalia, an explosion of golds and russets and crimsons and plum purples against the deep green pines, setting off surprise clearings where horses grazed or simple white country churches crouched, their spires piercing the blue sky.

Jessica commented that it had never occurred to her that the picture postcards she'd seen had not been artistically enhanced in any way — that this is just the way God painted the scene. She was stunned speechless by the beauty.

We parked at a lookout point overlooking the azure lake, got out and followed leaf-pillowed trails through the trees, over rustic wooden bridges, and into sun-dappled clearings. I picked up a perfect purple five-point leaf, a keepsake, I said, of a perfect day. Jessica exclaimed over little families of mushrooms, tree trunks painted emerald green by moss, fluff-tailed squirrels and other delights of the forest.

Watching her, I said, "I'll miss you."

And she said, "I'll miss you too, Mama."

We drove to the Stephen F. campus, which must surely be one of the most beautiful in the state. This was home to me, though I haven't lived there in 25 years, and we followed my favorite paths and trails through the trees. As I snapped pictures in all the old familiar places, a strange and wonderful peace stole over my saddened heart, because of the rightness of it all. I felt safe there, and I knew my precious girl would be safe there, too. More importantly, perhaps, she would be happy.

Just across from the Fine Arts Building, where she will be spending most of her days in the next few years, we came across a tree of breathtaking beauty. Its trunk was almost black, and set off heavy-laden boughs spangled with leaves of luminescent gold that hung down like the hair of a goddess. How could I photograph it? From inside out, I decided, and stepped into its sheltering limbs.

Just then, Jessica cried, "Peter! Chris!"

She'd just spotted two of her friends from the summer theatre workshop, walking towards us through the trees. Her face illuminated with joy, she gave an ecstatic little skip and left me to run toward her friends, her long silken hair streaming out behind her in lilting little jounces with each footfall.

In a heartbeat, I lifted my camera and snapped a picture of her, frozen forever now in that moment, framed with the golden leaves of my autumn, her joyful face turned with great anticipation toward her future, running not away from me at all, but toward her own magnificent bliss.

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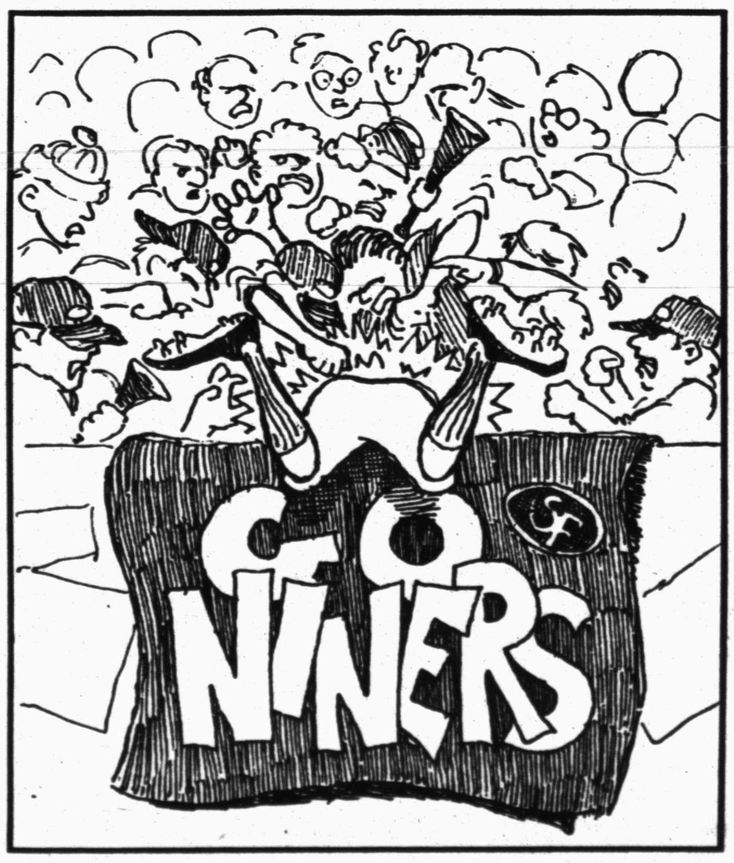
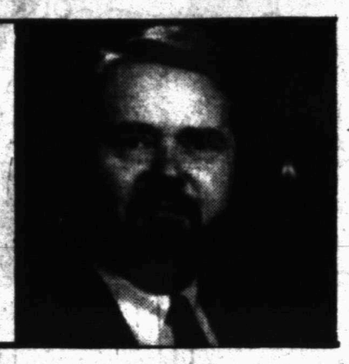


The jubilant Green Bay Packer immediately jumped into the stands after his touchdown. Unfortunately, he forgot it was a road game.

Minding Your Own Business



By Don Taylor

Terrific people get a "Four-T" rating

Over the years, I've met many terrific people. Contrary to the headlines and the six-o'clock news, there are a lot of wonderful folks left in the world. You know the ones I mean. They are the folks whose names come up from time-to-time, and someone always exclaims, "Oh, what a terrific person."

Have you ever wondered what makes terrific people so terrific? Why are they so esteemed among their peers? Why are they so often sought out for advice? Why is their assistance crucial to the success of so many worthwhile projects?

I believe, if you study the lives of these terrific folks you'll find four traits that are always evident. I'd like to share them with you.

Terrific Traits

•**The Thorough Trait.** According to my dictionary, thorough means to "carry through to the end" or to "be considerate of the details." Because so few of us ever carry out fully all the projects we start, thorough people appear terrific by contrast.

I'll admit this is a characteristic I need to work on. Sometimes my follow-through is weak. I need to work on carrying out the details.

Let me point out quickly that I'm not advocating that you should become a "detail nut" or "perfectionist." I have seen folks who accomplish little because they focus on small, unimportant details. What I'm encouraging here is that we tackle a job and see it through to the end. If you become a stay-with-it person, folks will think you're terrific.

•**The Tactful Trait.** Another characteristic of terrific folks is their tactful nature. They have a way of expressing thoughts — even negative thoughts — in a manner that doesn't offend.

I used to think that some folks were born with tact, and others totally without it. Now, I believe that the terrific person becomes tactful with studied practice. They carefully consider the feelings of others before blurting out the obvious. They are no less truthful than others, they just find ways to deliver the truth in non-offensive ways.

•**The Truthful Trait.** Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Truth is the property of no individual but is the treasure of all men." Terrific people share this treasure. They make it a daily part of their lives. As politically incorrect as it may be today, truthfulness is a terrific trait.

Telling the truth is often more difficult than changing facts to suit the situation. Truth is refreshing where lies are discouraging. Truth is freedom. Lies make you a slave to mroe lies.

Truth is tactful. Poet Robert Browning said, "So absolutely good is truth, truth never hurts." There are times when terrific people don't tell the truth. They don't lie either. When the truth would cause someone needless pain, they say nothing. They are no less honest for keeping some thoughts to themselves. In fact, that is one more reason they're terrific folks — they're thoughtful.

•**The Thoughtful Trait.** Webster defines thoughtful as "considerate of others; kind." The terrific folks we know do care about the feelings of others. They are courteous and polite. Before taking any action that might hurt someone else, they think. Because they think, they avoid many troublesome situations. Thinking before acting and speaking is an admirable trait.

However, there is more to thoughtfulness than being considerate of others. Thoughtful can also mean to be careful and serious. The terrific person understands that you can only solve some problems by serious thought. You must carefully examine truth and facts. The person who can help you solve your problems through the wisdom of careful and objective consideration of facts is a valuable friend. In fact, they are terrific friends.

Don Taylor, is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Back to Basics By Ellen Baker

I just returned from a college recruiting trip that took me from Cisco to Ft. Stockton.

I attended 12 college fairs and talked with students from 67 high schools. Many of those students were already familiar with Western Texas College and Snyder and were eager to learn more about what we had to offer them.

Some were familiar with our sports teams. Some had visited the campus through various high school events held here, such as UIL competitions and the annual social science and art fairs. Some had met WTC faculty who had visited their school. Some have friends and relatives in Snyder. Quite a few were friends or relatives of current students or WTC grads who had recommended the college.

For many of those who were learning about WTC for the first time, living in Snyder was appealing. They like the idea of going away to college and still being close to home. Others were eager to learn more about our rodeo team, our art department, our agriculture classes. Many like the idea of coming for their basic classes before transferring to a larger, four-year university.

I was encouraged by the number of counselors and teachers who accompanied their students to the college fairs and made a point of directing them toward the WTC table to talk with me. They knew that we could offer whatever special interest that student was looking for.

Western Texas College's reputation is a good one here in West Texas. We encourage you to come and be a part of WTC. The spring semester begins Jan. 21.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is in the Student Center. In Snyder, the phone number is 573-8511, ext. 394. Outside of Snyder, call us toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).

Can humanity survive the next Millennium?

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is another in an occasional series, "At the Millennium," examining social, cultural, scientific and geopolitical issues — looking both backward and forward from the year 2000.

By MATT CRENSON
AP Science Editor

Just a couple of years 'til the millennium, and all's well.

The Dow has risen to dizzying heights. The Russians are our friends. Harrison Ford still looks as good as he did in "Star Wars," for goodness' sake.

So what have we got to worry about?

Well ... asteroids. A giant chunk of rock could come screaming out of the sky and wipe out a major city in no time flat.

Or maybe there's a deadly disease, capable of wiping out the human race, lurking in a tropical rainforest right at this moment.

Then again, there could be some terrorist group planning a gruesome biological weapons attack, or an unstable nuclear submarine commander keen on vaporizing the globe's major capitals.

And what about global warming, ozone depletion, nuclear Armageddon? What if aliens come and eat us?

Kind of makes you nervous. After all, we had our share of close shaves this millennium, what with wars, cataclysms, epidemics and interleague play threatening our existence at every turn. Can we really expect to make it through the next thousand years?

The turn of a millennium just naturally raises that question. The last one probably found the Constantinople constabulary dealing with guys standing on street corners, ranting about judgment and holding signs proclaiming "The End is Near."

As the year two oh-oh-oh approaches, visitors to New York's Times Square, London's Speakers' Corner and pretty much anywhere remotely in the vicinity of San Francisco will undoubtedly hear the same type of thing.

Could the doomsayers be right? Well, let's go to our panel of experts.

"This is not something that causes me to lie awake at night," said John Lewis, a University of Arizona astronomer who specializes in comet and asteroid collisions.

Using the craters on Earth and the moon as a gauge, Lewis and his colleagues have determined that every millennium or so an object packing 50 to 100 megatons of explosive power hits Earth.

That's enough to wipe out a major city. It's not nearly enough to bring civilization to its knees.

It would take an object miles across, packing 100 million megatons or more, to imperil the entire globe. And things that big only hit Earth every 10 million years at the most, putting their chances of hitting during any 1,000 year period at less than one in 10,000.

And if those odds aren't enough to reassure you, Lewis said, astronomers would know a thousand years ahead of time that such an object was on a collision course with Earth. The world would have plenty of time to find a way to nudge it off course, with carefully placed nuclear missiles or some similar means.

"The chances of civilization coming to an end in the next thousand years due to an impact are probably slim," Lewis said.

OK, but what about ozone depletion? Aren't chlorofluorocarbons eating a hole in the invisible blanket that protects us from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays?

Yes they are. Thanks to international agreements that will phase out ozone-destroying chemicals early in the next century, things look pretty good on that front. Chlorofluorocarbon concentration in the atmosphere has already begun dropping thanks to the international phase-out, and scientists expect the ozone to be back to normal by about 2050.

"The chances of civilization coming to an end in the next thousand years due to an impact are probably slim."

The news isn't so good down the hall in the global warming department, however. The latest estimate by the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change puts the globe's average temperature in 2100 just over 3 degrees Fahrenheit higher than it is today. That amount of warming would probably move major agricultural regions, cause more frequent and powerful hurricanes and melt the polar ice sheets enough to raise sea level 20 inches.

Strictly speaking, it won't be the end of the world. But if you live in a low-lying country like Belgium, Belize or Bangladesh, watch out.

"Sea level rise could drown a lot of our coastal lands and redraw the map of our nation," said Stephen Leatherman, head of the Laboratory for Coastal Research at the University of Maryland.

The big trouble in the next century would be along the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, where flat coastal plains and low-lying wetlands stretch for miles.

And the next century is nothing compared to the next 1,000 years. Glaciologists have found that the western part of the Antarctic ice sheet is remarkably unstable, and eventually the whole thing could just melt. It's bound to happen sooner or later, and when it does it will raise sea level by a good 30 feet.

"There would be just no way to deal," Leatherman said.

Bye bye, Boston. Adios, Miami. New Orleans, adieu.

We'll always have Denver.

Speaking of which, this year's meeting of the G-7 nations in the Mile High City brings up another millennial threat. With the world's economy booming, and people and goods flying all over the planet, there's always the possibility that somebody could catch a deadly disease in Borneo and spread it around Boston before they even felt sick.

In 1994, 10 percent of the people who died between the ages of one and 49 did so suddenly and mysteriously — and presumably from some unidentified infection, Minnesota epidemiologist Michael T. Osterholm told a congressional committee recently.

"How can we as a nation invest only $42 million a year of federal resources into all infectious disease surveillance?" Osterholm asked the committee. "The U.S. military spends $225 million maintaining musical bands."

As those bands play on, infectious diseases pop up around the globe. In this decade there has been plague in India, cholera in South America and the deadly ebola virus in Africa. Meanwhile, old standbys that public health officials thought they had beat — TB, pneumococcus, enterococcus — are growing resistant to antibiotics.

"Today we know very little about the very rapidly emerging problem of antibiotic resistant bacteria and viruses," Osterholm said.

We do know this: In 1918, before antibiotics were developed, a global flu epidemic killed 20

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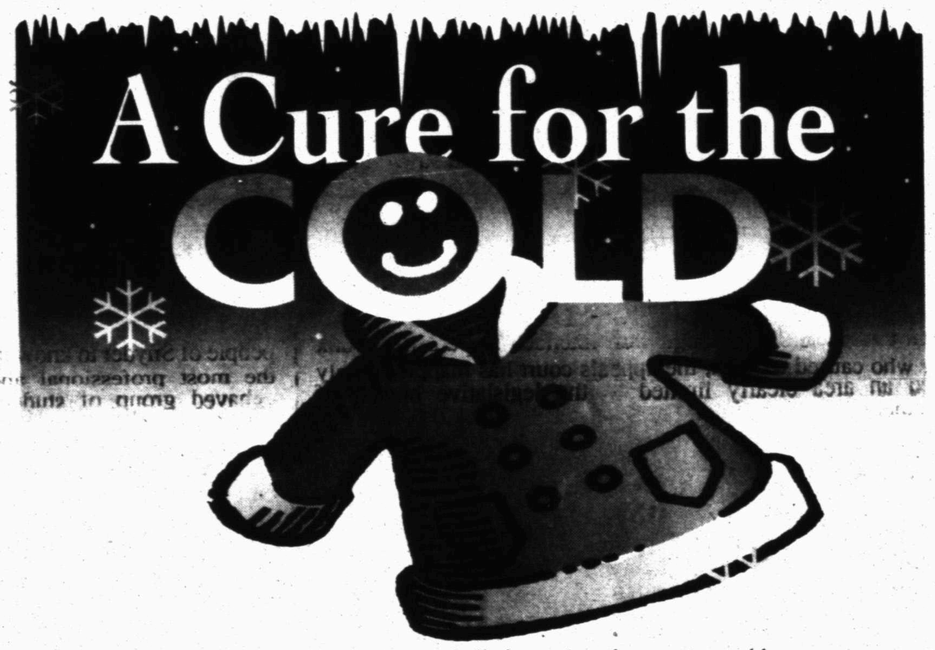
A Cure for the COLD



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Strike threatened

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Negotiations continued Friday between Mexican sugar producers and unionized mill workers in a bid to ward off a nationwide strike called for Dec. 11 over wage and benefit grievances.

Francisco Sanchez, spokesman for the National Sugar and Alcohol Industry Chamber that represents sugar companies, said union workers were demanding a 23 percent wage hike — higher than the 15 percent being offered.

Sanchez said negotiations were continuing and that he expected a settlement before the Dec. 11 deadline. He warned, however, that a stoppage would further damage mills reeling from low prices in a saturated market.

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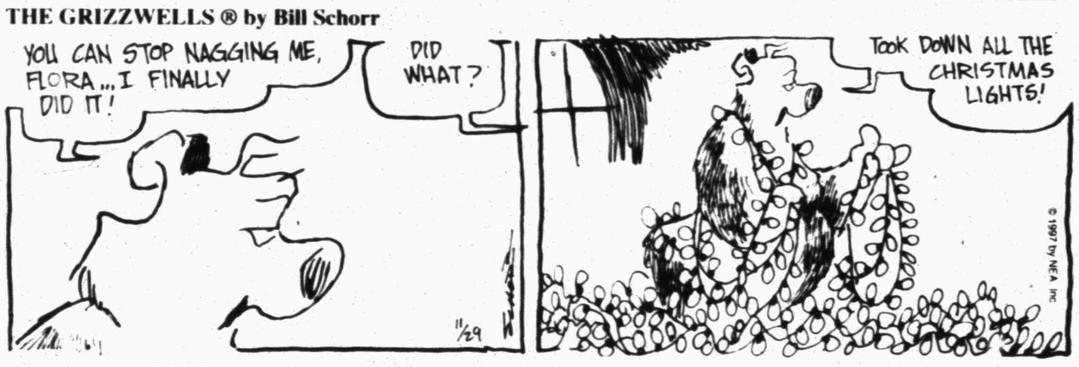

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18 Writer — Rogers St. Johns
20 Heavy fishing tool
22 Doctrine
24 Female sandpiper
25 Monaco prince
29 Doc or Sleepy
33 Arizona mining town
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37 Small sailboat
39 Come close
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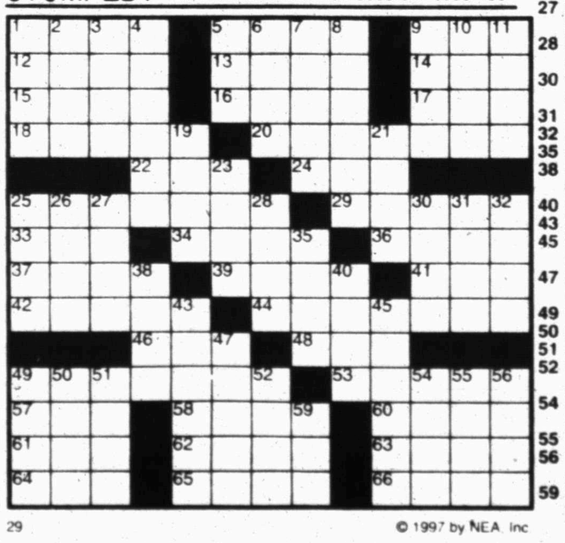

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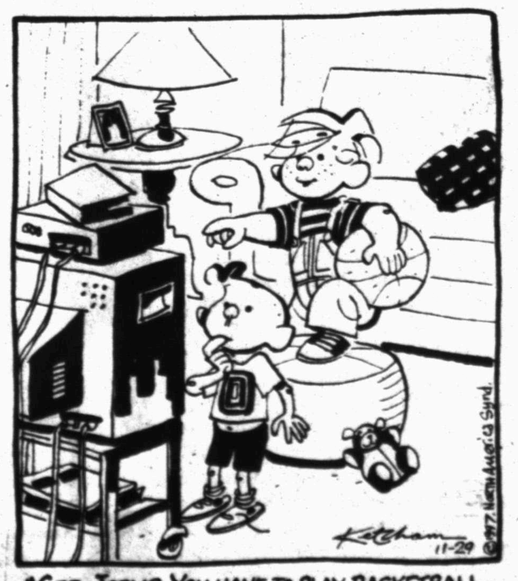

"SEE, JOEY? YOU HAVE TO PLAY BASKETBALL IF YOU WANT TO BE TALL."

People value White House ornaments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House speaker's wife bought 101 of them. President Clinton gives them away. With friends in such high places, the White House Historical Association's annual Christmas ornament may be the hottest holiday item in town.

"They not only make great gifts for family and friends, they also enhance my collection," said Marianne Gingrich, wife of speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. She started adding White House ornaments to her collection in the 1980s.

She is not the only Washingtonian with a passion for the ornaments.

"It's just like receiving a Christmas card from the president," said Bill Codus, who served as assistant chief of protocol for visits under Presidents Nixon and Ford. "They are a collector's item and they are beautiful."

Codus, who now runs a consulting group, has been collecting the ornaments and giving them away as gifts since the historical association offered its first one in 1981.

"People want them, and they want them all," the association's Michael Melton said as he stood in a conference room piled high with boxes of this year's ornaments waiting to be shipped or picked up.

The first family gets a generous supply to give away, and two ornaments usually hang on the Christmas tree in the White House Blue Room. Clinton gave last year's ornament, a replica of a presidential seal designed by President Millard Fillmore, to Bob Dole, his opponent in the presidential race.

Codus sends ornaments each year to most of his clients, including Jehan Sadat, widow of slain Egyptian Prime Minister Anwar Sadat, and he always buys some for his own family's tree.

There are 17 ornaments so far; 14 of them commemorate the administrations of the first 14 presidents, from George Washington in 1982 to Franklin Pierce this year. The first ornament is a replica of an 1840 weather vane made for the Universalist Church in Newburyport, Mass.

The 1989 ornament honors the 200th anniversary of the presidency with a replica of the official seal of the president. The 1992 ornament marks the 200th anniversary of the start of construction on the White House. One side of that ornament shows the text of the mansion's cornerstone. The other is a full color reproduction of an 1848 lithograph of the White House's north front.

This year's ornament sells for $14. All of the ornaments are still available, although the first eight are sold only in sets of four.

The ornaments reflect each president's administration and their connection to the White House, Melton said.

For example, Martin Van Buren created the Blue Room out of the oval parlor and his 1990 ornament is a view of the room during his administration.

The ornament honoring William Henry Harrison's short term in office shows him in full military dress seated on a white horse. Harrison died 32 days after taking the oath of office.

James Madison's wife, Dolley, is depicted along with her husband on the 1985 ornament, but Julia Gardiner Tyler, President John Tyler's second wife, is the only first lady to have an ornament all to herself, in 1993.

"He was a good president, but there was nothing outstanding," Melton said of Tyler. "She was interesting." Mrs. Tyler brought the waltz to the White House and was the first presidential spouse to have her portrait painted. The ornament is a replica of that Francisco Anelli painting.

The ornaments also are educational. Each piece comes with a pamphlet on the presidential administration they commemorate. The pamphlets even list a bibliography of suggested reading.

This year's offering honors Pierce, who had a greenhouse built on the executive mansion's South Lawn during the 1850s. The ornament is a color illustration, circa 1857, of a view from the South Lawn showing the greenhouse. The association expects to sell more than 400,000 of them, Melton said.

Proceeds from the sale are used to buy historical furnishings and art work for the White House's permanent collection and to maintain the mansion's historical rooms.

Eds: Ornaments may be ordered by calling 800-555-2451 between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

Hollywood unions sue tobacco firms

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Smoking, historically a prominent player in movies and TV shows, now finds itself in the role of defendant.

The Hollywood talent guilds are suing the tobacco companies to recover millions in smoking-related medical costs. Film stars John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Humphrey Bogart and Yul Brynner all had lung cancer.

The lawsuit was filed Nov. 22 on behalf of the health plans of the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists and unions representing screenwriters, directors and technicians. It seeks unspecified damages and punitive awards.

Fred Altshuler, a lawyer for the unions, said Wednesday that the talent unions' members are company employees and not the people who make the decisions [illegible]ve glorified smoking in [illegible].

A lawyer for Philip Morris declined comment. There was no answer Wednesday during business hours at a tobacco industry spokesman's office.

The lawsuit is patterned after similar litigation filed by other unions and state governments against companies including Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and Brown & Williamson.

But it does take a Hollywood twist, alleging in one section that tobacco companies used movies to sell their products to children.

"The tobacco companies have also marketed to youth by inserting advertisements for their products into movies that have appeal to children. Such movies include, for example, 'Superman II,' 'Supergirl' and James Bond," the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit cited a 1983 letter signed by Sylvester Stallone that documents one such agreement.

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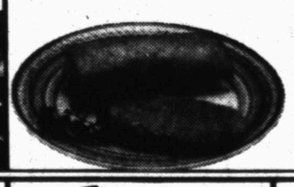

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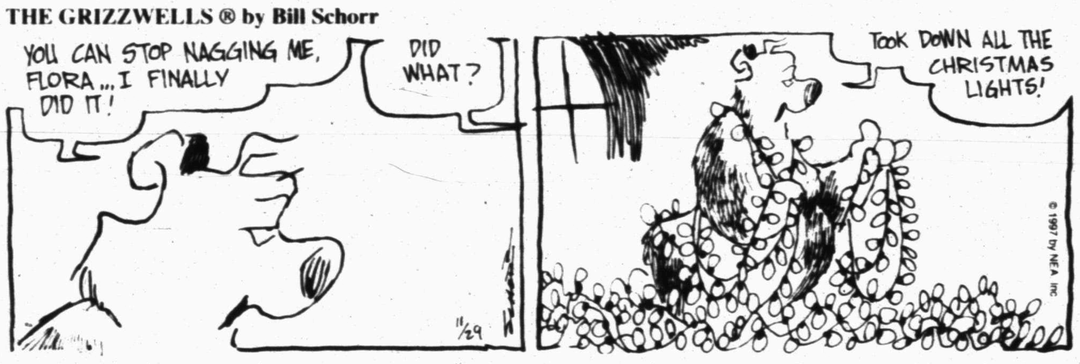

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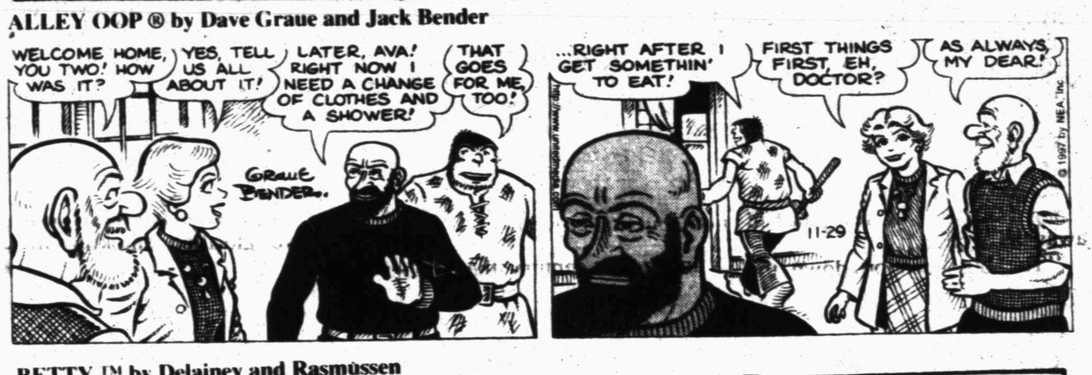

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1 Egg part
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9 Time of day (abbr.)
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15 Spanish artist
16 Carries with difficulty
17 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
18 Writer — Rogers St. Johns
20 Heavy fishing tool
22 Doctrine
24 Female sandpiper
25 Monaco prince
29 Doc or Sleepy
33 Arizona mining town
34 Writer Bellow
36 Game animal
37 Small sailboat
39 Come close
41 — to Joy
42 Blot out
44 Removed the pelt from
46 Roman bronze
48 Actor Wallach
49 Upset
53 Hare constellation
57 Comparative suffix
58 Farm machine
60 Italian currency
61 Gun grp.
62 Atlanta arena
63 Table supports
64 Dem.'s foe, familiarly
65 Soviet news agency
66 Sources of metal

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1 Arizona city
2 Having an offensive odor
3 Entice
4 Porcelain clay
5 Actor Brynner
6 Responsibility
7 Gamble
8 Desired intensely
9 Against
10 Helsinki resident
11 London gallery
19 Sale words
21 Obscene
23 Nasty
25 Actress Martha —
26 Partly open
27 Nebraska's neighbor
28 Feels sorry about
30 Vast period of time
31 Advise
32 Actor Astaire
35 Body of water
38 Future attys.' exam
40 Brook
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45 Metal decoration
47 City in Alabama
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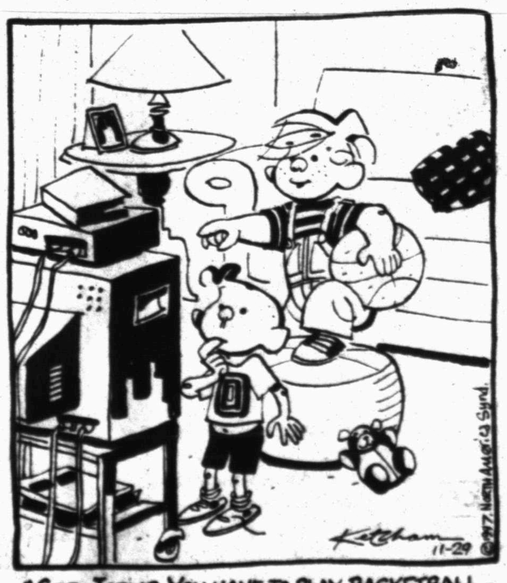

People value White House ornaments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House speaker's wife bought 101 of them. President Clinton gives them away. With friends in such high places, the White House Historical Association's annual Christmas ornament may be the hottest holiday item in town.

"They not only make great gifts for family and friends, they also enhance my collection," said Marianne Gingrich, wife of speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. She started adding White House ornaments to her collection in the 1980s.

She is not the only Washingtonian with a passion for the ornaments.

"It's just like receiving a Christmas card from the president," said Bill Codus, who served as assistant chief of protocol for visits under Presidents Nixon and Ford. "They are a collector's item and they are beautiful."

Codus, who now runs a consulting group, has been collecting the ornaments and giving them away as gifts since the historical association offered its first one in 1981.

"People want them, and they want them all," the association's Michael Melton said as he stood in a conference room piled high with boxes of this year's ornaments waiting to be shipped or picked up.

The first family gets a generous supply to give away, and two ornaments usually hang on the Christmas tree in the White House Blue Room. Clinton gave last year's ornament, a replica of a presidential seal designed by President Millard Fillmore, to Bob Dole, his opponent in the presidential race.

Codus sends ornaments each year to most of his clients, including Jehan Sadat, widow of slain Egyptian Prime Minister Anwar Sadat, and he always buys some for his own family's tree.

There are 17 ornaments so far; 14 of them commemorate the administrations of the first 14 presidents, from George Washington in 1982 to Franklin Pierce this year. The first ornament is a replica of an 1840 weather vane made for the Universalist Church in Newburyport, Mass.

The 1989 ornament honors the 200th anniversary of the presidency with a replica of the official seal of the president. The 1992 ornament marks the 200th anniversary of the start of construction on the White House. One side of that ornament shows the text of the mansion's cornerstone. The other is a full color reproduction of an 1848 lithograph of the White House's north front.

This year's ornament sells for $14. All of the ornaments are still available, although the first eight are sold only in sets of four.

The ornaments reflect each president's administration and their connection to the White House, Melton said.

For example, Martin Van Buren created the Blue Room out of the oval parlor and his 1990 ornament is a view of the room during his administration.

The ornament honoring William Henry Harrison's short term in office shows him in full military dress seated on a white horse. Harrison died 32 days after taking the oath of office.

James Madison's wife, Dolley, is depicted along with her husband on the 1985 ornament, but Julia Gardiner Tyler, President John Tyler's second wife, is the only first lady to have an ornament all to herself, in 1993.

"He was a good president, but there was nothing outstanding," Melton said of Tyler. "She was interesting." Mrs. Tyler brought the waltz to the White House and was the first presidential spouse to have her portrait painted. The ornament is a replica of that Francisco Anelli painting.

The ornaments also are educational. Each piece comes with a pamphlet on the presidential administration they commemorate. The pamphlets even list a bibliography of suggested reading.

This year's offering honors Pierce, who had a greenhouse built on the executive mansion's South Lawn during the 1850s. The ornament is a color illustration, circa 1857, of a view from the South Lawn showing the greenhouse. The association expects to sell more than 400,000 of them, Melton said.

Proceeds from the sale are used to buy historical furnishings and art work for the White House's permanent collection and to maintain the mansion's historical rooms.

Eds: Ornaments may be ordered by calling 800-555-2451 between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

Hollywood unions sue tobacco firms

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Smoking, historically a prominent player in movies and TV shows, now finds itself in the role of defendant.

The Hollywood talent guilds are suing the tobacco companies to recover millions in smoking-related medical costs. Film stars John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Humphrey Bogart and Yul Brynner all had lung cancer.

The lawsuit was filed Nov. 22 on behalf of the health plans of the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists and unions representing screenwriters, directors and technicians. It seeks unspecified damages and punitive awards.

Fred Altshuler, a lawyer for the unions, said Wednesday that the talent unions' members are company employees and not the people who make the decisions [illegible] glorified smoking in the past.

A lawyer for Philip Morris declined comment. There was no answer Wednesday during business hours at a tobacco industry spokesman's office.

The lawsuit is patterned after similar litigation filed by other unions and state governments against companies including Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and Brown & Williamson.

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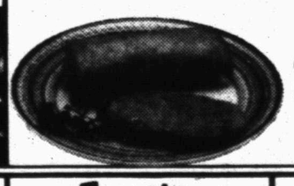

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After 34 years, brother stands by Oswald

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Robert Oswald feels for the families of Timothy McVeigh and John Hinckley, because he knows what it's like to have an infamous relative.

In a rare interview in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Oswald said he believes his kid brother, Lee Harvey Oswald, acted alone in killing President Kennedy, but he still doesn't know why.

After declining interviews for 20 years or so, the 63-year-old Oswald said he decided to talk now partly to help other families that might be trying to cope with wrongs done by their relatives. The interview was published earlier this month.

"My heart just ached when I saw the father and mother of John Hinckley," he said, referring to Ronald Reagan's would-be assassin in 1981. "And you think of what the families of people like Tim McVeigh go through." McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Oswald and his family now live in Wichita Falls, Texas, where they have tried to survive without stigma. Oswald said he doesn't talk to his grandchildren about the assassination or their great-uncle, hoping to avoid confusion and concern.

"You can either light a situation or defuse it, and we chose a long time ago to (defuse) it," he said. "Why put all of that on kids?"

There's nothing in Oswald's living room to suggest that Lee Harvey Oswald ever existed, but photos on a bedroom wall indicate his pledge to never forget his kid brother.

Oswald remembers sleeping next to his brother in a New Orleans orphanage, where his mother placed them after their father died.

He also recalls standing before Lee's open casket in a Fort Worth cemetery, mumbling a prayer and kissing his brother's cheek. It was just two days after the Kennedy assassination that Jack Ruby shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

"There but for the grace of God, go I," Robert Oswald sometimes says. He means simply that, absent grace and fortune, he may have been pointed like his brother toward a tormented life.

After leaving the Marines in 1959, Lee told Robert he was thinking of going to Cuba to emulate Ernest Hemingway. Instead, just a week later, he impulsively headed for the Soviet Union, where he defected.

He came back in 1962, with a new Russian wife, Marina. That fall, a year to the day before Kennedy's assassination, Robert, Lee and their stepbrother, John, gathered at Robert's home in Texas for their first meeting in nine years. Their mother wasn't invited.

A home movie made during the Thanksgiving Day reunion shows Lee Harvey Oswald — in brown pants, white shirt and a gray vest — sitting on an end of a couch in Robert's living room, watching his 6-year-old niece, Cathy, dance.

Marina comes to the armrest alongside. Lee points out the camera to her without ever quite looking at her. He suddenly seems distanced from the frivolity.

Near the end of the movie, Robert, holding his 2-year-old son, sits down on the floor directly in front of Lee. Robert beams.

"I was feeling good," Robert reflected. "We didn't talk about politics or anything heavyweight that day. Just family stuff. Enjoying each other and the kids."

It was their last family gathering.

In March 1963, Robert, by then living in Arkansas, received a letter from Lee with a Dallas post office box as a return address. Six months later, Robert wrote Lee seeking another reunion, but never received an answer.

Robert was working in his office on Nov. 22, 1963, when word came of the assassination. He thought he heard the name Oswald. Then he heard Lee Harvey Oswald's name clearly.

"Something must have shown in my face," he recalls, "because this receptionist took a look at me and started crying."

"That's my kid brother," Robert Oswald said to no one in particular.

In a recurring dream, Robert Oswald comes close to finding an explanation. On his command, Lee Harvey Oswald writes an explanation furiously while his big brother paces. He starts to hand it over, then says, "Just a minute" and takes the paper back.

Robert's daughter Cathy, 40, remains leery of talk about her uncle.

FAA warns of electrical surges in 747s

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prompted by the deadly explosion of TWA Flight 800, the government is telling airlines they must do more to avoid possible electrical surges in wiring near the center fuel tanks of some Boeing 747 aircraft.

It is widely speculated, although not yet certain, that an electrical spike may have ignited an explosion in the center fuel tank of TWA Flight 800 on July 17, 1996. The plane burst into flames shortly after taking off from New York City, killing all 230 people aboard.

While investigators have not determined the accident's cause, they have ruled out a bomb or missile and have focused on the plane's electrical system near the center fuel tank.

In its latest action, the Federal Aviation Administration told airlines on Wednesday that over the next 12 months it wants them to install new equipment to shield certain wiring in the fuel monitoring system in some Boeing 747s. It also called on airlines to immediately inspect wiring in some fuel pumps in older Boeing 747s.

The FAA said the additional preventive measures were based on recent tests by the National Transportation Safety Board as part of the TWA Flight 800 crash probe.

"Although ... we know of no evidence that these parts played any role in the accident, the FAA is ordering these changes to ensure that we take every practical step to ensure the continued safety of the Boeing 747," FAA Administrator Jane F. Garvey said in a statement.

The FAA safety directives involve wiring in the Fuel Quantity Indication System aboard 167 Boeing 747 aircraft with U.S. registry. They also call for inspecting wiring in the scavenger fuel pump, which removes leftover fuel from the fuel tank, in 196 Boeing 747s.

The FAA said the recent NTSB tests found higher than expected voltage spikes were possible because of electromagnetic interference in the fuel indication system wiring near the center fuel tank.

Under certain conditions, the agency said, electrical probes also may become contaminated. "If the contamination is present when the higher induced voltage is also present, a spark could be created in the fuel tank," the FAA said.

Russ Young, a Boeing spokesman in Seattle, said his company's tests using voltages and energy levels that would be found on the airplane found no problem. He said he believed the FAA proposal was based on tests of voltages higher than would be found on planes.

The second directive is to detect any deterioration of insulation on electrical connectors in the scavenger pump, the FAA said. Silicone insulation found during some inspections is prone to deterioration from fuel used to cool and lubricate the pump motors.

The directive requires that any silicone insulation found be replaced within 90 days.

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SNYDER NEIGHBORS SHARING, INC.
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant:_____ Birthdate:_____
Address:_____ Phone Number:_____
Spouse:_____ Birthdate:_____
How Long at this Address:_____
( ) Own Home ( ) Buying
( ) Renting $_____Monthly Amount
Are You:
( ) Widowed ( ) Divorced
( ) Handicapped How:_____

Number of People living in this Household:_____
( ) Adults ( ) Children Ages:_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Income:
( ) Employed Where:_____
Gross Weekly Income: $_____
( ) Spouse Employed Where:_____
Gross Weekly Income: $_____
( ) No One Employed
Other Income:
( ) Social Security: Amount $_____
( ) Public Welfare: Amount $_____
( ) Supplemental Income: Amount $_____
( ) Other:_____

Additional Comments - Repairs Needed:

Mail to: P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Tx. 79550
Applications Need To Be Returned
By January 15, 1997

GOODFELLOWS

Scurry County families may apply for Goodfellows food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is Dec. 12th. Applications should be mailed to: Goodfellows, P.O. Drawer 41, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

Home's Monthly Income $_____
Do You Receive: Food Stamps ____ AFDC __ SS/SSI __
Father of Home_____
Age_____
Last or Present
Employer_____
Work Phone_____
Mother of Home_____
Age_____
Last or Present
Employer_____
Work Phone_____
Home Address_____
Home Phone_____
Mailing Address_____
Another Telephone Where
You Can Be Reached_____
List Ages of Children at Home
Boys:_____
Girls:_____
Total Number of People at Home_____

Acceptance Cards will be mailed to only Qualified applicants at their address.

97 Geo Metro CP8521

$169.95 mo.
Sale Price 10,679. 1,000 down +TT&L. 3.9% APR. 60 mos.

97 Malibu CP8385

$249.95 mo.
Sale Price 14,983. 1,000 down +TT&L. 3.9% APR. 60 mos.

97 Geo Metro CP8451

$199.95 mo.
Sale Price 11,909. 1,000 down +TT&L. 3.9% APR. 60 mos.

97 Geo Prizm CP8712

$249.95 mo.
Sale Price 14,999. 1,000 down +TT&L. 3.9% APR, 60 mos.

2.9% For 36 mo. On Most Cars In Stock
No Payments Until February 1998!

97 Pont. Sunfire

$257.63 mo.
Sale Price 14,232. 1,000 down +TT&L. 3.9% APR, 60 mos.

97 Suburbans In Stock

$4,000 Off

97 Malibu C8425, MSRP 16,245

$13,999

97 Z34 Mte Carlo C8402, MSRP 21,163

$18,296

97 Geo Prizm CP7587

$11,995

97 Grand Am PT8885, MSRP 16,179

$12,995

97 S10 Pickup

$1500 Rebate

97 Bonneville PT7494, MSRP 25,144

$21,995

Big Country's USED SALES CENTER

TRUCKS
84 Chev. Suburban
4X4 ..... $3,995
88 Chev. Suburban
4X4 ..... $6,995
90 Chev. 3/4 Ton
Work Truck $6,595
92 Chev. S-10
Extended Cab..... $7,995
92 Chev. Extended Cab
Nice $11,995
94 GMC Ext. Cab
Nice $14,595
93 Chev. Suburban
Silverado $14,595
95 Chev. Extended Cab
Low Miles $15,995
95 Chev. 3/4 T. Ext. Cab
4X4 ..... $17,995
97 Chev. 3/4 Ton
4X4 ..... $21,995
97 Chev. Sportside
Cruise, Tilt, AM/FM Cass., Chrome Wheels $299 mo.*
*TT&L down, 36 mos.@12.25% APR. Final pmt. $8788. WAC.

CARS
89 Geo Metro..... $2,595
87 Chry. 5th Ave... $3,395
90 Geo Prizm $3,395
91 Chev. Lumina .. $4,995
95 Ford Aspire $4,995
96 Merc. Cougar $13,595
95 Olds 98 ..... $12,995
95 Buick LeSabre $14,595
96 Olds 88 ..... $14,595
96 Buick Regency $15,595
96 Chev. Corsica
Low Miles, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Cass., Pow. Win/Locks ..... $199 mo.*
*TT&L down, 36 mos.@12.25% APR. Final pmt. $3955. WAC.

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